Spring 2010



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Test Room:
Test Supervisor:
City, State:

Supervisor's Manual State Testing

This Manual is for participating states and districts to administer the ACT (No Writing) **or** the ACT Plus Writing through ACT State Testing with **standard time**.





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Important Changes

- This standard time Manual and the separate Manual for accommodations testing now apply to ALL State Testing administrations—both ACT (No Writing) and ACT Plus Writing.
- Where the policies, procedures, or Verbal Instructions vary depending on whether your state or district is administering the ACT Plus Writing, note the following:
 - ACT (No Writing) schools will be directed to SKIP certain instructions.
 - When the instructions split into two columns, ACT (No Writing) is always in the left-hand column and ACT Plus Writing is always in the right-hand column.
 - The instructions may also vary by color: ACT (No Writing) will be in black, ACT Plus Writing will be in color.
 - Make sure you read the correct instructions.
- Clarification that anyone who coaches high school or college athletics CANNOT serve as a room supervisor for one-on-one testing for a student athlete (page 8).
- Emphasis that the non-test portions of the answer folder MUST ALWAYS be completed in a scheduled session prior to the test date (initial or makeup). If not, the student(s) CANNOT test on that date (page 18).
- Clarification that score cancellations due to prohibited behavior cannot be appealed or reversed (page 37).
- Schools choosing to distribute calculators to students are directed to do so before any testing begins (page 39).
- Clarification on how to order materials for makeup testing depending on whether or not your state participates in an online ordering system (page 56).
- Answer folders and test booklets will no longer be returned in the same carton (pages 57–60).
- ACT will now send PLASTIC POLYMAILERS in which you insert:
 - One RED Test Administration Forms Envelope
 - -ALL (up to three per polymailer) GREEN envelopes of answer folders to be scored
- Nothing else goes in the polymailer and any answer folders NOT returned in the polymailer will NOT be scored.
- All other materials must be returned to ACT in the original shipping cartons.
- DO NOT return any answer folders for students testing with accommodations in the polymailer or those answer folders may NOT be scored.
- You must notify ACT if your materials are not picked up on your scheduled date—if you do not, scores may be delayed or answer folders will not be scored (page 59).
- There are now sample forms in the back to show you how to complete certain required forms accurately (pages 62, 68, 70).

Policies and Procedures

ACT State Testing Policies and Procedures

For the ACT® tests to successfully measure students' academic skills, they must be uniformly administered. As a person giving the tests, you therefore assume important professional responsibilities.

When you become a Test Supervisor or Back-up Test Supervisor, you must sign a statement affirming you agree to and will comply with these policies exactly. As a room supervisor or proctor, you must also read and agree to follow the policies described in this Manual.

As with all standardized testing, it is critical that the procedures you employ are identical to those at other test sites. If you have any questions that are not addressed in the Manual, be sure to call ACT State Testing for instructions. Following ACT policies and procedures helps you create a fair testing environment.

Standardized Procedures

Throughout this Manual, there are detailed directions for selecting facilities and staff, protecting test security, and administering tests in a standardized manner. All testing personnel are required to read the materials provided by ACT, including this Manual. Adherence to these standardized procedures is mandatory. Use **only** 2010 State Testing materials to administer the tests.

Authorized Test Dates and Times

The ACT tests must be administered **only** on the day and at the time scheduled for State Testing in your state or district. For 2010, the initial and makeup test dates are shown on the front cover.

Testing must begin by 9:00 a.m. in all rooms on both the initial and makeup test dates. The tests must be administered as the first activity of the morning. If students at your school are not normally scheduled to be in school during morning hours (e.g., night school students), arrangements must be made for these students to test in the morning. If testing begins after 9:00 a.m. in any room, scores for that room may be cancelled.

Investigations

In cases of suspected or documented irregularities, all testing staff are obligated to cooperate fully with ACT and the designated state education agency or district assessment office in subsequent investigations and respond to requests from ACT or the state agency in a timely manner.

In cases where an examinee disputes an ACT decision or communication regarding the administration, the examinee and/or his or her representatives may contact you directly and request information. Questions concerning attendance or test-day procedures from parents or students can be answered within the normal confines of student confidentiality policies at your school. (See Confidentiality on page 3.)

Confidentiality

Information about examinees is confidential, including their names. To ensure confidentiality, you and your testing staff may not copy documents containing individually identifiable information, or use such information for any purpose other than administering the tests. Questions concerning attendance or test-day procedures from parents or students can be answered within the normal confines of student confidentiality policies at your school. However, all forms and information contained in the *Supervisor's Manual* are the property of ACT and must not be shared with any person who is not part of the testing staff. Requests for copies of test date documentation (e.g., irregularity reports or timing verification forms) from any source other than ACT or the designated state education agency are to be referred directly to ACT or the state agency.

Equal Treatment

All testing staff are required to administer and supervise the ACT in a non-discriminatory manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Fair Testing Practices

ACT endorses the *Code of Fair Testing Practices in Education* and the *Code of Professional Responsibilities in Educational Measurement*, guides to the conduct of those involved in educational testing. ACT is committed to ensuring that each of its testing programs upholds the guidelines in each *Code*. A copy of each *Code* may be obtained free of charge from ACT Customer Services (68), P.O. Box 1008, Iowa City, IA 52243-1008, 319/337-1429.

Facilities and Staff

The Test Supervisor is committed to provide both acceptable facilities and qualified staff.

Authorized Observers

An observer with ACT, state education agency, or district assessment office identification may visit your school on test day. The visit is normally not announced in advance. The observer will arrive at the school shortly before the administration is to begin. Always ask for ACT or state education agency identification, or an authorization letter. If the observer cannot provide this, deny admission and call ACT immediately. If the observer provides appropriate authorization, you are expected to cooperate fully with that individual. If you have any concerns about the observer's visit, call ACT.

Unauthorized Observers and Media

To protect students from anxiety and distractions, unauthorized persons—including parents, guardians, children, members of the school board, school administrators, district officials, recruiters, employers, and members of the media—must **not** be allowed to enter, observe, or photograph test rooms or preliminary activities. They must stay away from the test site until after the administration. Under **no** circumstances are cameras of any type allowed in the test rooms. Media coverage must be limited to meeting with students, with their consent, after the test administration and away from the test rooms. Please inform ACT Media Relations (800/553-6244, ext. 1028) of any media requests to report on a test administration. ACT will contact members of the media to explain its policies. This will help to ensure each request or question is answered uniformly.

Policies and Procedures

Rescheduled Examination

If an emergency on test day (e.g., fire, tornado, snow) forces the termination of testing or the closing of school, you must notify ACT as soon as possible. Protect the security of the test materials, and be especially careful if testing has started. Call ACT immediately at 800/553-6244, ext. 2800, to explain your situation. Decisions regarding rescheduling will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Test Location-Score Reports

State Testing scores are reported as "State" under Test Location on all score reports.

Retest Restrictions

Students may take the ACT no more than 12 times total. ACT has waived its normal 60-day retest restriction for State Testing. Students may test on **one** of the State Testing dates (initial or makeup) **AND** also on any ACT National Test Date. Students wishing to test more than once in spring 2010 should check their options at **www.actstudent.org**.



Testing Facilities Requirements

This section focuses on how to arrange for and set up your facilities before test day.

Accessibility

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the ACT tests must be offered in locations accessible to persons with disabilities or alternative arrangements must be made for these examinees. Test Supervisors should select test facilities and rooms accessible to persons with disabilities whenever possible.

Type and Size of Rooms

The Test Supervisor is responsible for selecting and reserving test rooms for standard time administrations. The Test Accommodations Coordinator should work with you to separately arrange for the test rooms to be used for accommodations administrations. Be sure to reserve the rooms for each day you will be testing. When selecting your facilities, make sure the building will be open on test day, and that the test rooms and restrooms will be unlocked.

Writing Surfaces

Writing surfaces must be large enough to accommodate both the test booklet and the answer folder. Lapboards that must be balanced on examinees' legs are not allowed under any circumstances; temporary surfaces that rest on the chair arms or the back of the row in front may be used only after prior approval by ACT.

Bulletin Boards

Make sure bulletin board materials related to potential test questions (English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing), charts, and maps that provide strategies for solving problems or writing essays are removed or covered. Geographical maps and periodic tables need not be covered.

Timepieces

Each room supervisor must have two reliable timepieces in the room: one must be an accurate clock or watch that shows the actual time of day; ACT recommends that the second be a stopwatch or interval timer. If possible, each room should have an accurate wall clock so examinees who did not bring a watch can pace themselves.

Phone

You must arrange for a phone to be available on test day in case you need to make a toll-free call to ACT.

Environment

Make sure the lighting, temperature, and ventilation in each room allow examinees to give their full attention to the tests.

Facility Requirements

Room Setup and Seating Arrangements

If seats are stationary, leave empty rows and columns of seats between examinees to achieve the required spacing. If seats are not stationary, move them to meet requirements before examinees are admitted to the room. Spread examinees out in the room as much as possible, using all the space. Seating arrangements must minimize the possibility that an examinee will communicate with a neighbor or look at a neighbor's test materials.

Test rooms must be set up according to the following requirements:

- All examinees in the test room must face the same direction, regardless of the number of examinees in the room or the distance between them.
- There must be at least three feet of space between examinees (side-to-side measured shoulder-to-shoulder, and front-to-back measured head-to-head).
- In a room with multiple-level seating, examinees must be at least five feet apart front-to-back.
- There must be sufficient aisle space for staff to get to every seat during testing without disturbing examinees.
- Seat examinees in straight rows and columns, directly in line with each other.
- If a clock is in the room, seat examinees facing the clock whenever possible so they can see it without looking around.
- The room supervisor must be stationed in the room facing the examinees. Staff must be able to see every examinee clearly. Seating with dividers or partitions, such as study carrels, partitioned tables, or booths, is not acceptable because it obstructs staff's view of examinees.

Proper Use of Tables

If tables are used, see below and page 7 for the maximum number of examinees allowed per table. Tables must be arranged so that all spacing requirements are met. Examinees must all face the same direction and therefore must be seated along the **same side** of the table, not at opposite ends or sides. If tables are joined together, do not seat an examinee where the tables join. Use the following rules to seat examinees:

- *ROUND TABLES:* **only one examinee** per round table, regardless of size.
- TABLES LESS THAN 6 FEET: only one examinee per table
- *TABLES 6 TO 9 FEET:* **only two examinees** per table. If 6-foot tables are used to seat two examinees, a 3-foot space is required **between the tables**.

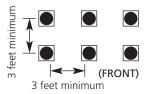
Left-handed Examinees

Appropriate writing surfaces must be provided for left-handed examinees. Use standard left-handed desks or use writing surfaces that are large enough for left-handed examinees to work comfortably. If you have only right-handed desks available, place two desks together at the far end of a row and have the left-handed examinee use both surfaces.

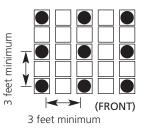
Seating Arrangement Examples

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L	One left-handed examinee
	One desk

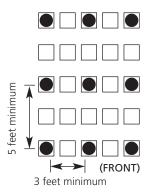
Level Seating with Movable Desks



Level Seating with **Stationary Desks**



Multiple-Level Seating with Stationary Desks



Left-handed examinees at right-handed desks

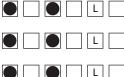
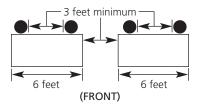


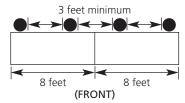


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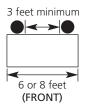
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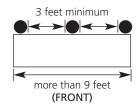


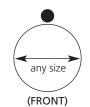
8-Foot Table Spacing



Other Spacing







Staff Requirements



Testing Staff Requirements

This section explains how to select and train testing staff, and describes the specific responsibilities of each required testing staff member.

Staff Compensation

ACT does not compensate testing staff, including the Test Supervisor, Back-up Test Supervisor, and Test Accommodations Coordinator, for administering State Testing.

Selecting Testing Staff

Test Supervisors are responsible for selecting their test-day staff in consultation with the school principal. Members of the staff must be people of integrity and have a direct relationship with your school. We encourage the selection of testing staff who reflect the ethnic and gender ratios of examinees.

Room supervisors and proctors may be current or retired faculty members, school administrative or clerical employees, substitute teachers, student teachers, and paraprofessionals. High school students, volunteers, and lower-division undergraduates may **not** work as testing staff. Anyone who intends to take the ACT within the next 12 months must not administer the tests in any capacity. All testing staff must comply with ACT policies and procedures as detailed in this Manual.

Coaches

Anyone who coaches high school or college athletics may not serve as the room supervisor for one-on-one testing of a student athlete.

Attentiveness

You must remain attentive to your testing responsibilities throughout the entire administration. Reading (except this Manual), grading papers, using a computer, talking casually with other staff, or engaging in any activity in the test room not directly related to the administration is **not** allowed. No one, including testing staff, may eat or drink in the test room (unless approved by ACT for medical reasons).

You must walk around the test room to ensure examinees are working on the correct test. Walking around the test room discourages prohibited behavior and also makes you available to answer questions, respond to illness, or replace defective test materials.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Due to potential conflict of interest, those involved in ACT test preparation activities at any time during the current testing year (September 1 through August 31) may not serve as testing staff. ACT recognizes that the normal duties of a counselor or teacher may involve some responsibilities for test preparation. These activities by teachers or counselors are **not** a conflict of interest, provided they are part of job responsibilities specifically defined by one's employer and the employer is not a commercial enterprise.

Relatives Testing

To protect you and your relatives or wards from allegations of impropriety, you may not serve as Test Supervisor or Back-up Test Supervisor for the ACT State Testing administration or have access to secure test materials prior to test day, if any relative or ward will be testing on the same ACT State Testing Test Date in any participating state or district. Relatives and wards include children, stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, siblings, in-laws, spouses, and persons under your guardianship.

Because Test Supervisors, Back-up Test Supervisors, and Test Accommodations Coordinators have access to secure test materials prior to test day, for any test date (initial or makeup) a relative or ward will be testing at any school in a participating state or district, that individual must delegate all supervisory responsibilities—including the receipt and return of test materials—to a qualified colleague and notify ACT of this action prior to receipt of the test materials.

If an examinee is testing at a school where a relative or guardian is serving as a *room supervisor* or *proctor*, that examinee must not be assigned to test in a room where his or her relative or guardian is working. The relative or guardian must not have access to that examinee's answer folder or test materials.

Scores for an examinee will be automatically cancelled if that examinee:

- tested on the same test date on which a relative or guardian served as a Test Supervisor, Back-up Test Supervisor, or Test Accommodations Coordinator at **any** school participating in ACT State Testing, or
- tested with secure test materials to which a relative or guardian had prior access, or
- tested in a room in which a relative or guardian served as a *room supervisor* or *proctor*.

Members of the testing staff each have a different set of test day responsibilities.

Test Supervisor

The Test Supervisor provides the continuity and administrative uniformity necessary to ensure that the examinees at your site are tested under the same conditions as examinees at every other site and ensures the security of the examinations.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Read this Manual and comply with the policies and procedures it describes.
- Arrange for application of barcode labels (if used in your state) on the back page of the answer folders.
- Arrange for all students, including those testing with accommodations, to personally
 complete the non-test portions of their answer folders in a scheduled, supervised
 session at school before test day.
- Select and train qualified room supervisors and proctors before test day.
- Select and reserve test rooms.
- Plan seating arrangements for each room.
- Prepare test rooms prior to test day.
- Receive, count, and secure test materials.
- Arrange for a phone for calling ACT on test day.
- Create a roster of students scheduled to test in each room.
- Conduct a pre-test briefing session for testing staff on **each** test date.
- Ensure that **testing begins no later than 9:00 a.m.** in all rooms on each test date.
- Document any irregularities that occur, and as required, void examinees' tests.
- Distribute test materials to staff; collect and account for all materials immediately after each administration.
- Ensure completeness and accuracy of all required test date documentation.
- Return ALL required forms, answer folders, and test booklets **immediately after each test date**.
- Order makeup testing materials **immediately** after the initial test date.
- Cooperate with ACT and the state education agency or district assessment office in resolving irregularities.

Staff Requirements

Back-up Test Supervisor

The name of a Back-up Test Supervisor **must** be on file with ACT prior to the test date to assume the Test Supervisor's responsibilities if needed. Naming a qualified backup before an emergency occurs helps to ensure that the tests can be properly administered even if a Test Supervisor becomes ill or is otherwise unable to be present on test day. The Back-up Test Supervisor is encouraged to actively assist the Test Supervisor on test day.

Replacement Back-up Test Supervisor

If you cannot supervise the administration, your Back-up Test Supervisor is expected to assume those responsibilities. If your Back-up Test Supervisor is unable to supervise the administration, you must select a *replacement* Back-up Test Supervisor and notify ACT prior to the test date.

A Back-up Test Supervisor Profile must be on file for all Back-up Test Supervisors. The replacement Back-up Test Supervisor must complete and sign the profile, be trained by the Test Supervisor before test day, and attend the training workshop conducted by ACT or the state agency.

Fax the profile to ACT at 319/337-1019. ACT will review the qualifications of the *replacement* Back-up Test Supervisor and will contact you or the school principal with any concerns.

Room Supervisor

Each room is required to have a room supervisor who must remain in the room for the entire session. A room supervisor may assume responsibility for **only one** test room. The Test Supervisor normally serves as the room supervisor if only one room is used.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Read this Manual and comply with the policies and procedures it describes.
- Attend both the training and briefing sessions conducted locally by the Test Supervisor.
- Take responsibility for one test room and provide an environment conducive to testing.
- Check ID or personally recognize and admit examinees.*
- Mark attendance and ID on the roster.*
- Direct examinees to specific, assigned seats.*
- Count test booklets upon receipt from the Test Supervisor.
- Distribute test materials, keeping test booklets in sequential, serial number order.*
- Read Verbal Instructions to examinees verbatim.
- Accurately time tests and record the START, FIVE MINUTES REMAINING, and STOP times in the Manual using two timepieces; complete the Testing Time Verification Form.
- Complete all information on the Seating Diagram and Test Booklet Count Form.
- Be attentive to examinees and materials at all times.*
- Walk around the test room during testing to be sure examinees are working on the correct sections of the test booklet and answer folder.*
- Pay strict attention to monitoring examinees during the entire test session to discourage and detect prohibited behavior.*
- Collect and account for all answer folders and test booklets before dismissing examinees.*
- Complete detailed documentation of any irregularities and void examinees' tests, as required.
- Return all test materials and forms to the Test Supervisor immediately after testing.
- * Proctor may assist with these activities.

Proctor

A proctor *may* be used to assist a room supervisor or the Test Supervisor if fewer than 25 examinees are testing. A proctor is **required** (in addition to the room supervisor) for every 25 examinees (or portion thereof) after the first 25 in the room. Use the following scale to determine the **minimum** number of proctors required in each room:

Examinees per room:	1-25	26-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	
Proctors per room:	0	1	2	3	4	

Specific responsibilities include:

- Read this Manual and comply with the policies and procedures it describes.
- Attend both the training and briefing sessions conducted locally by the Test Supervisor.
- Help admit examinees and mark attendance and ID on the roster.
- Direct examinees to specific, assigned seats.
- Help distribute test materials, keeping test booklets in numerical order.
- Verify the timing of the tests using a different timepiece than the room supervisor.
- Be attentive to examinees and materials at all times.
- Walk around the room during testing to check that examinees are working on the correct test, replace defective materials, respond to illness, and discourage prohibited behavior.
- Report any irregularities to the room supervisor immediately.
- Accompany examinees to the restroom if more than one is allowed to leave during the timed tests.
- Pay strict attention to monitoring examinees during the entire test session.
- Help collect and account for all answer folders and test booklets after testing.

Roving Proctor

Schools that use multiple rooms, floors, or buildings are encouraged to appoint one or more roving proctors to assist the Test Supervisor. A roving proctor may be used to:

- Assist with check-in and/or directing examinees to test rooms and seats.
- Assist the test supervisor with preparing the test materials for test rooms.
- Monitor hallways; escort examinees.
- Give room supervisors a break during testing.
- Keep the hallways quiet during break(s) if other rooms are still testing.
- At the conclusion of testing, assist the Test Supervisor with counting and preparing all test materials for return to ACT.

Rotating Proctors

Proctors are normally expected to serve for the entire test session in the room to which they are assigned. However, if schedules require, proctors may be "rotated" or replaced at the break after Test 2, provided a staff member remains in the room.

Training Staff

For standardized testing to occur successfully, staff members must understand their responsibilities. It is critical that the same procedures are followed at every school.

Test Supervisors and Back-up Test Supervisors are required to hold a training session **before** test day for all staff, both new and experienced, to prepare them for test-day activities and to stimulate discussion. In addition, on each test-day morning, Test Supervisors are required to hold a briefing session to discuss any last-minute issues that arise or concerns staff members may have.

Staff Requirements

Supervisor's Manual

Before test day, every testing staff member is required to read this Manual. The Manual is proprietary information and is copyrighted by ACT. It is to be used only for the purpose of administering the ACT tests and is not to be copied or shared for any other purpose. Each testing staff member is to be provided with a complete copy of this Manual before the training session. It is especially important that all room supervisors read the entire Manual and understand the policies, procedures, Verbal Instructions, and required forms. Call ACT State Testing if you need additional Manuals to train staff.

Training Session

It is critical that all testing staff, including any named replacements, understand ACT policies and procedures. Therefore, Test Supervisors are required to train their room supervisors and proctors on how to administer a standardized test at their school. This session must be attended by all testing staff, both new and experienced, so that everyone has a common understanding of what is to take place on test day. Training Session Topics for Discussion are provided on pages 75–77.



Test Security Requirements

Authorized Access

Staff access to materials must be limited to only those activities necessary to prepare for test day, the test administration itself, and counting and packing materials for return to ACT. Access to test materials prior to test day is restricted to the Test Supervisor and Back-up Test Supervisor. A designated staff member may assist with materials *if* the Test Supervisor or Back-up Test Supervisor is present and *if* that individual does not have a relative or ward testing on test day (see page 8). Do not permit unauthorized personnel access to the materials. Examinees and anyone who may test within the next 12 months are not permitted access to the materials. All staff assisting with materials, even those not actively assisting on test day, must be identified on the Testing Staff List (page 71).

Authorized Usage

Test materials may not be transferred to any other location without prior authorization from ACT. Use only the test materials assigned and shipped to your school. If examinees test with materials that have been transferred to or from another location without express written authorization from ACT, the answer folders will NOT be scored or scores will be cancelled.

Security of Test Materials

Secure test materials include **all** ACT test booklets (multiple-choice and writing) and **all** answer folders with student identifying information (even if the student completed only the non-test portions or if only the barcode label was applied).

The Test Supervisor is responsible for the security of all test materials from the time the carrier delivers them to the time they are in the return carrier's possession. Protect the materials from damage, theft, or loss; and from conditions that could allow prior access to the tests

ACT test booklets are copyrighted and cannot be photocopied or used for any other purpose. Under no circumstances is a test booklet seal to be broken by **anyone other than the examinee** on test day. Staff and examinees are prohibited from disclosing test questions or response choices to anyone. Scores earned by examinees who may have had advance access to test content will be cancelled and will not be reported to examinees, the state or district education agency, or college/scholarship choices.

Receipt and Check-in of Test Booklets

Within 24 hours of receipt, open the carton(s) and count all the test booklets. Examine the carton(s) for signs of tampering. Check the serial numbers of the multiple-choice test booklets against the numbers shown on the Materials List. Count each booklet; do not assume that the groups of booklets are complete. Check the rest of the shipment to be sure you have all the items on your Materials List.

Plus Writing only: Writing Test booklets are shipped in shrink-wrapped packages of 10. Check the serial number of the **first** booklet in each pack against your Materials List. **Do NOT open the shrink-wrap until the morning of test day.** You will have a sufficient quantity of Writing Test booklets to assign whole packs of 10 (for example, if a test room has 25 examinees assigned, allocate three packs of 10 to the room). The shrink-wrap is to be broken **only** by the room supervisor when it is time to distribute the Writing Test booklets.

Security Requirements

Call ACT immediately at 800/553-6244, ext. 2800, if any of the following occurs:

- Any items are missing from your shipment.
- You receive test booklets that do not match the serial numbers on your Materials List.
- Any test booklet seals are broken at any time except by examinees as instructed on test day.
- The cartons appear to have been tampered with in any way.
- A test booklet is lost, stolen, or otherwise missing at any time while the test booklets are at your school, from receipt to return.
- The shrink-wrap on the Writing Test booklets is broken.

Even if a test booklet is missing only temporarily, do **not** begin testing without calling ACT for instructions. If a booklet is discovered missing during testing, do **not** permit examinees to leave without calling ACT for instructions.

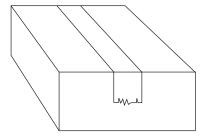
Test Materials Shipping Carton(s)

Keep the carton(s) in which the test materials were shipped to you. These cartons, which have reversible address flaps, must be used to return **all test booklets** to ACT after **each** test date.

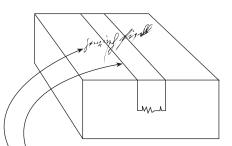
Storage Before Testing

After you have counted and checked the condition of all materials in your shipment, **reseal** the cartons with the tape provided and write your name across the seal. Lock them in a secure place to which only you (or you and a few specifically authorized persons) have access. Protect the materials from damage, theft, or loss, and from any conditions that could allow prior access to or knowledge of the tests.

Diagram for Resealing Cartons



When delivered, carton will be sealed as above. After booklets have been counted, reseal as on right. Do not reopen until test morning.



- 1. Reseal in the same place as before.
- Sign your name across the tape. Be sure your signature starts on the cardboard, goes across the tape, and ends on the cardboard.

Secure Storage

Materials must be kept inside a locked safe or vault to which only the test supervisor and possibly a few, specifically authorized individuals have access. If a safe or vault is not available, materials may be stored inside a locked file cabinet or closet which is inside a locked room, with the following stipulations:

- Only the Test Supervisor and the Back-up Test Supervisor may have access to the cabinet or closet. It must have a built-in lock or a heavy-duty padlock. The keys must always be kept secure. Keys should not be part of a master key system.
- The door to the room in which materials are stored must be kept locked when not in authorized use.
- The secure location must not be accessible through a window or a dropped ceiling.

Removal from Storage and Assignment to Rooms

Booklets are to be sorted for distribution to individual rooms before test day, **but must** be resealed in the cartons and returned to the security of locked storage until the morning of test day. Under no circumstances is a test booklet seal to be broken by anyone other than the examinee on test day. Test booklets must be personally handed to room supervisors by the Test Supervisor. **Never leave test booklets unattended.**

All room supervisors must complete item A on the Test Booklet Count Form (page 63) when they receive test booklets from the Test Supervisor. Room supervisors in Plus Writing states or districts must also complete item B at this time. The room supervisor must sign and the Test Supervisor must initial under "Received Before Testing" to verify that the number of booklets recorded is the number in the room supervisor's possession.

All room supervisors complete item C during Test 1 and item D after Test 4.

Room supervisors in Plus Writing states or districts also complete item E after the Writing Test.

After testing, ALL room supervisors must immediately return all materials to the Test Supervisor and complete item F. The room supervisor must initial and the Test Supervisor must sign to verify that the number of answer folders and test booklets returned to the Test Supervisor equals the number transferred to the room supervisor. **Do not dismiss any room supervisor until you have verified the accuracy of ALL required forms.**

Storage After Testing

After accounting for all materials, prepare them for return after **each** test date—initial and makeup (see pages 57–60). Return **all** used **and** unused test booklets to your locked storage area immediately after **each** test administration—initial and makeup.

In the Event of a Security Breach

Call ACT Test Administration *immediately* at 800/553-6244, ext. 2800, if any of the following occurs:

- You do not receive your entire shipment.
- The cartons or materials appear to have been tampered with in any way.
- You have reason to believe someone has had unauthorized access to the materials.

Also see Receipt and Check-in of Test Booklets, pages 13–14.

Security During the Administration

Prevent prohibited behavior by adhering to seating space requirements, directing examinees to specific, assigned seats, and actively monitoring examinees throughout the administration.

Keep test materials in a secure location as examinees enter and exit the test room. Account for all test booklets before testing, each time they change hands, and before dismissing examinees. Test materials must be secure at all times.

You must never leave a test room unattended, even if only one examinee is in the room. Ensure that each test room has sufficient staff for the number of examinees present.



Test Materials from ACT

The quantity of test materials shipped for the initial test date is based on the enrollment for your school provided by your principal, plus an appropriate overage. If, after receiving and checking in your materials, you find that the number of students scheduled to test **exceeds** the number of materials you have received, call ACT immediately at 800/553-6244, ext. 2800, to request a supplemental shipment. **Separate** materials will be shipped to the Test Accommodations Coordinator for students approved by ACT for test accommodations and **different** test booklets will be shipped for the makeup test date.

Materials Provided by Your School

The school is responsible for providing the following items for each test room:

- a supply of soft lead No. 2 pencils with erasers to lend to examinees who do not bring them (examinees must not use mechanical pencils or ink pens)
- a pencil sharpener
- two reliable timepieces: watch, stopwatch, interval timer, or accurate wall clock
- signs, cards, or other materials used in admissions procedures
- permitted calculators (if your school chooses to provide them to students)

Supervisor's Report Form

The Supervisor's Report Form (SRF) is pregridded by machine and identifies your school to the scoring system. The SRF also determines the test date to be reported so you must use the correct report after each test date—initial or makeup. Check the form for accuracy. If the pregridded information is not accurate for your school, call ACT at 800/553-6244, ext. 2800. Do **not** correct the information on the SRF. Failure to return the SRF could delay scoring of your answer folders.

Preparing Your Test Materials

Before test day, assign a sequential series of multiple-choice test booklets to each test room.

Writing Test booklets come in shrink-wrapped packs of 10. Do **not** open the shrink-wrap until the morning of test day. Also assign a sequential series of Writing Test booklets. You will receive a sufficient quantity of Writing Test booklets to assign whole packs of 10.

Next, count out an adequate supply of answer folders for each room. Allocate a few extra per room in case of defective materials or a misgrid.

Reseal all materials in the carton(s) and place them in secure storage until you distribute materials to room supervisors on test-day morning.

Barcode Labels

If your school received barcode labels, they **must** be applied to **the shaded block on the back page** of the State Testing Answer Folders. Do **not** place the label on page 1. ACT prefers that you apply the labels before the session to complete the non-test portions of the answer folder, but you may apply them at any time before testing begins.

Even if a barcode label is used, all students MUST complete the identifying information and mailing address on the front and back pages of their answer folders and grid the corresponding ovals. If students do not accurately provide this information, they will not receive their scores.

Roster

Create one roster (blank form and instructions on page 61) for each test room **prior** to the initial test date. Write on the roster the name of each student **scheduled** to test. This activity can be performed when students are completing the non-test portions of the answer folder. ACT must be able to determine those students who were absent on test day as well as those who were present. If you submit a list of only students who were present on test day, your roster will not be accurate and cannot be used to determine which students you need to schedule for makeup testing (see page 56).

You may use your own rosters, provided they have the same information recorded on them as shown on page 61, list all students scheduled to test by test room, and you return the marked originals to ACT.

Locally Approved Accommodations

You may provide test accommodations without review and approval by ACT under the following conditions: the student must test with **standard time**, receive no additional breaks, and be able to use a regular type (10-point) test booklet. Testing must occur on the initial or makeup test date and the accommodations must be consistent with the student's official accommodations plan on file at the school. In addition, the accommodations must not disrupt or afford an advantage over other examinees. For example, any student could be assigned to sit in the front row, but some students must be seated in the front row in order to hear all spoken instructions.

Examples of test accommodations that can be made without ACT approval are:

- Preferential seating (e.g., at the front of the room, at a table instead of a desk)
- Testing in a quiet environment (e.g., small group or individual room)
- Wheelchair access
- Permission to mark responses in the test booklet (the Test Supervisor **must** arrange to transfer the responses to the answer folder in the examinee's presence after testing)
- Permission to use color overlays
- Permission for diabetics to eat snacks
- A written copy of the Spoken Instructions or a sign language interpreter for the Spoken Instructions

Testing Examinees with Hearing Impairments

Examinees with hearing impairments may be able to test with standard time, but they may require the assistance of an interpreter for spoken instructions or they may need to be seated near the front of the room so that the directions can be understood.

The following arrangements for examinees with hearing impairments who can test with standard time **do not** require approval from ACT, additional staff, or a separate room:

- Seat an examinee using an interpreter at the front of the room. The interpreter, who may not be a relative, will sign all spoken instructions. The interpreter may also translate any questions from the examinee to testing staff and sign the responses to those questions. However, the interpreter may not translate or sign the test questions, or answer any test questions for the examinee. The interpreter is expected to stay in the room throughout the administration.
- Assign an examinee who can lipread to a seat with a clear view of the room supervisor. Make sure all instructions (both from this Manual and any other spoken message) are given in sight of the examinee. You may prepare written notification (e.g., index cards with "Start," "5 minutes remaining," and "Stop" printed on them) or touch the examinee on the shoulder to indicate the Start, 5 minutes remaining, and Stop times. Work with the examinee before testing starts to agree on the method to be used for time notification.

Completing the Non-Test Portions

Completing the Non-Test Portions Before Test Day

The Verbal Instructions for completing the non-test portions of the answer folder in a scheduled session at school **before** test day begin on page 19. Standard testing requirements do **not** apply to administering the non-test portions.

- ACT (No Writing): Students complete pages 1, 6, 2, and 3, in that order.
- ACT Plus Writing: Students complete pages 1, 10, 2, and 3, in that order.

When sessions are conducted to complete these sections, give each examinee a 2010 State Testing Answer Folder and *Taking the ACT State Testing*. If you already applied barcode labels (see page 16), hand each student his or her own answer folder individually and make sure students receive their own folders.

Basic identifying information and mailing address (front and back pages) are **required** for all students. At a minimum, students **must** complete Blocks A and B on the front page and Blocks N, O, P, and R on the back page of the answer folder (name and mailing address). If these blocks are not completed accurately, score reports cannot be mailed. Students are also encouraged to complete the High School Course/Grade Information at the top of page 2. If students have not completed any of the above sections **before** the initial test date, do **not** permit them to test that day. Instead, schedule them for makeup testing and arrange for them to complete the non-test portions **before** the makeup test date. If you do not, they cannot test on the makeup date either. If students choose not to complete the non-test sections on pages 2 and 3 of the answer folder, the score reports they receive and have ACT send to colleges will be partially blank.

Non-test portions of the answer folder may NOT be completed on ANY test date—not before and not after any of the tests. If students are allowed to complete any of the non-test portions on test day, or are allowed to handle answer folders after testing, the answer folders will NOT be scored or scores will be cancelled.

Sessions for Absent Students

Students who miss the in-school session to complete the non-test portions of the answer folder **must** be provided with another opportunity to do so before the initial test date. If not, they cannot test on that date. Arrange additional sessions as appropriate to account for all students scheduled to test.

Sessions for Students Testing with Accommodations

Basic identifying information, High School Course/Grade Information, ACT Interest Inventory, and Student Profile Section must also be personally completed on the 2010 State Testing Answer Folder by students approved to test with accommodations. School staff may not complete these sections (except as noted). Schedule a supervised in-school session **before** test day in consultation with the Test Accommodations Coordinator. You may need to allow additional time for students approved by ACT for test accommodations.

Students approved for accommodations may complete the non-test portions during the same session as all other students or in a separate session. The Test Supervisor is responsible for forwarding their partially completed answer folders to the Test Accommodations Coordinator, who must arrange to administer the tests using the **separate** Supervisor's Manual State Special Testing.

High School Code (Block K)

The high school code determines which school will receive a copy of the student's ACT score report. Because correct reporting is critical, this field is the responsibility of staff at the testing school.

Students are instructed to leave Block K of the answer folder blank. When Block K is left blank, scores are normally reported to the high school pregridded on the SRF (see page 16). Use the following criteria to determine whether you need to complete Block K for any students testing at your school:

- For **most** students, the school they attend is the school where they test and the school to which their scores must be reported for accountability purposes. For all such students, leave Block K blank.
- **Some** students attend and test at a "receiving" school, which is not their official "home" school. The "receiving school" is the school or facility the student attends in order to receive special services away from the home high school. Prior to testing, school staff must determine the high school the student would normally attend if not receiving special services elsewhere. Staff at the testing school must enter the correct high school code for the student's "home" high school in Block K.
- Certain schools may serve as a test site for students from multiple schools. If a student tests at a school other than the one he or she attends, staff at the testing school are always responsible for entering the correct high school code for the student's "home" high school in Block K.

If a high school code must be entered in Block K, staff **must** grid the correct code on the answer folder before returning the answer folder for scoring. If you are not certain which school is the "home" high school for a student, check with your district office. Once you locate the school name, you can get the corresponding high school code at **www.actstudent.org/regist/lookuphs.html**.

Verbal Instructions

Basic Identifying Information and High School Course/Grade Information

The basic identifying information on the front and back pages of the answer folder is **required**. If students choose not to complete the High School Course/Grade Information, the score reports they send to colleges will be partially blank. Read aloud all instructions in the shaded boxes. Do not depart from this text. When reading the instructions, pause after each series of dots to give examinees time to follow instructions.

Begin by saying:

You will now complete the non-test portions of your answer folder.

If your school is not using barcode labels or will apply them later (see page 16), SKIP the next box. If you already applied barcode labels, say:

As I hand you an answer folder, turn it over to the back page. Your name should appear on the label at the bottom right. Raise your hand if you do not receive your own folder....

Completing the Non-Test Portions

You must resolve any discrepancies in answer folder identification before continuing.

Place your answer folder so that page 1 faces you. Open your *Taking the A-C-T* booklet to page 5. Follow the instructions in the booklet to complete the requested information in Blocks A through H. Put one letter or number in each box and fill in the corresponding oval below. Even if your folder has a barcode label, you must fill in Blocks A and B on page 1 completely and accurately. If you have a question, raise your hand. When you have completed Blocks A through H, put your pencil down and look up....

When everyone has completed Blocks A through H, say:

Blocks I and J have been completed for you. Skip Block K. Now, look at Block L, which asks if you wish to participate in the **A-C-T Educational Opportunity Service**. E-O-S is a free college and scholarship information service for students who take the A-C-T. Fill in the "Yes" oval if you want to let colleges, scholarship programs, and A-C-T know that you are interested in receiving information about the opportunities they offer. The colleges and scholarship programs that wish to contact you will receive your name, address, and some of the other information you provide on this answer folder. They will **not** receive your test scores. When you have completed Block L, put your pencil down and look up....

Through EOS, ACT provides information about ACT-tested students to colleges and universities, scholarship programs, leadership programs, and similar organizations so they may contact students about programs and opportunities that they may be interested in exploring. All organizations that receive this information have agreed to use it only for this purpose. Names are not provided to the military or for any commercial purpose.

When everyone has completed Block L, say:

Next, look at Block M. If you want A-C-T to send your scores to colleges or scholarship agencies, find the list of codes that begins on page 11 of *Taking the A-C-T*. Locate the code for each of your choices, enter the correct code numbers in the boxes in order of preference, and fill in the corresponding ovals.

If you currently do NOT plan to go to college, fill in the FIRST oval under "Non-reporting Option" at the right of the block. If you are considering college, but do not want A-C-T to send your scores to any colleges or agencies at this time, fill in the SECOND oval under "Non-reporting Option"....

When everyone has completed Block M, say:

Now, turn your answer folder over to the back page and complete Blocks N through R. To receive your score report and to receive mail from colleges and scholarship programs, you must fill in the address ovals correctly. In Block N, enter each part of the address where you are certain to receive mail from us. Leave a space between the parts of your street address. Use the slash "/" to designate fractions (e.g., 1/2, 3/4). If you live in an apartment, enter the apartment number after the street name. When you have completed Blocks N through R, put your pencil down and look up....

If your school or district assigns local ID numbers to students, have students enter that number in Block S. Otherwise, instruct them to skip Block S. Instruct students to skip Block T–it is required **only** for students testing with accommodations. The Test Accommodations Coordinator will give those students specific instructions for completing

Block T on test day. If your state requires you to enter information in Blocks U and V, you will be given specific instructions (e.g., Answer Document Supplement, workshop training materials) for completing them before test day.

When everyone has completed Blocks N through R (or S), say:

Next, turn your answer folder to page 2 and your booklet to page 6. Under High School Course/Grade Information, first look at Courses Taken/Planned. For each course, indicate if you have taken or plan to take it before graduation. Fill in one oval for each course whether or not you have taken it. Next, in the Grades Earned section, for each course you have taken for a full term (semester, etc.) indicate the final (last) grade you received. Convert numeric grades to the corresponding letter grades. Round to the nearest letter grade if necessary. Leave the oval blank if you have not completed a full term or if a grade was not awarded for the course. Are there any questions?...

Answer any questions, then wait for everyone to complete the High School Course/Grade Information.

ACT Interest Inventory and Student Profile Section (SPS)

Although these sections are optional, if any students choose not to complete these sections, the score reports they have ACT send to colleges will be partially blank.

When everyone has completed the High School Course/Grade Information, say:

Now, turn your booklet to page 7. The A-C-T Interest Inventory is not a test, but a series of questions about your occupational interests and plans. Indicate how much you would like doing each of the activities listed by marking the appropriate response. Try to mark a response for each activity, even if you are uncertain how you feel about it. This section should take about 10 minutes, but will not be timed. Read the directions and begin.

When all students have completed the inventory, proceed to the Student Profile Section.

When all students have completed the ACT Interest Inventory, say:

Next, turn your booklet to page 8 and your answer folder to page 3. The Student Profile Section is not a test, but a series of questions about your achievements and future plans. If you do NOT plan to go to college, you may skip many of the items. Read each item and respond to each one by filling in the appropriate oval. This should take about 25 minutes, but will not be timed. Read the directions and begin.

When all students have completed the the SPS, instruct them to do the following:

- 1. Keep *Taking the ACT*. It tells students how to request additional score reports, when they will receive their scores, how to view their scores on the Web, and what to do if they decide to retest.
- 2. Report to the test site at the time and location you designate.
- 3. Bring acceptable identification, soft lead No. 2 pencils with good erasers (no mechanical pencils or ink pens), and a permitted calculator (if desired) on test day.
- 4. DO NOT bring cell phones or any other electronic devices, snacks or drinks (including water), scratch paper, notes, reading materials, or any unauthorized testing aids.

Collect the answer folders individually from each student in an order that will ensure students receive their own folders on test day. Check to make sure the name and mailing address have been completely gridded on the front and back pages of each folder.

Test Day Activities



Test Day Activities

The directions in this section are designed to help ensure a smooth administration of the tests. If you have problems, many of the solutions are listed in this section.

Be sure every room supervisor has a complete copy of this Manual, not just the Verbal Instructions, in order to verify procedures for any situation that may occur.

Test Day Schedule

Administration of the tests must be the first activity of the morning. Begin by 9:00 a.m. in all rooms and follow the exact order on page 28. If testing begins after 9:00 a.m. in any room, scores for that room may be cancelled. Testing begins when the room supervisor begins reading the Verbal Instructions. Allow enough time for students to be identified, admitted, and seated so that all room supervisors can begin reading the Verbal Instructions by 9:00 a.m.

The non-test portions **may not** be completed on any test day. They **must** be completed in a separate session **before** test day. The test day schedule must not include extended breaks for meals (e.g., lunch) or other activities and you may not administer the tests in separate sessions. **Providing a lunch break or allowing students to resume testing after dismissal may result in the cancellation of scores.**

Timing for reading the Verbal Instructions will vary by room. Once testing begins, each room proceeds independently. Do not require all test rooms to begin and end at the same time.

Sample Schedule (use as a guideline only)

ACT No Writing

A schedule similar to the following would allow testing to begin around 8:15 a.m. and examinees to be dismissed around 12:15 p.m. in most test rooms:

7:30 a.m. Arrival of testing staff

7:45 a.m. Briefing session

8:00 a.m. Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees

Approx. 8:15 a.m.

- 1. Begin reading the Verbal Instructions
- 2. Distribute test materials to examinees
- Administer the four tests and the break as directed in the Verbal Instructions—time each test exactly
- 4. Collect and verify all test materials

Approx. 12:15 p.m. Dismiss examinees

ACT Plus Writing

A schedule similar to the following would allow testing to begin around 8:15 a.m. and examinees to be dismissed around 1:00 p.m. in most test rooms:

7:30 a.m. Arrival of testing staff

7:45 a.m. Briefing session

8:00 a.m. Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees

Approx. 8:15 a.m.

- 1. Begin reading the Verbal Instructions
- 2. Distribute test materials to examinees
- 3. Administer the five tests and two breaks as directed in the Verbal Instructions—time each test exactly
- 4. Collect and verify all test materials

Approx. 1:00 p.m. Dismiss examinees

Briefing Session

Test Supervisors must hold a briefing session each test-day morning, even with experienced staff. Be sure to discuss any school-specific information (e.g., policies on the wearing of hats, how to handle the breaks, what to do if students bring cell phones). For the ACT Plus Writing, remind staff that Writing Test booklets are **not** to be distributed until just before the Writing Test begins.

Testing Staff List

- The Test Supervisor **must** return a complete Testing Staff List for each test date (initial and makeup). A blank form is included in this Manual (page 71). Instructions for completion are printed on the form.
- A **separate** form for staff assisting with administrations to students testing with accommodations is in the *Supervisor's Manual State Special Testing* and must be completed and returned separately by the Test Accommodations Coordinator.
- List **all** personnel involved in testing, including anyone assisting with handling or transportation of secure materials, or assisting with security. If you have questions, contact ACT.

Admitting Examinees to the Test Room

Control who enters and leaves the test room at all times. Do not allow examinees to enter the test room until the room is properly prepared, the test materials are in a secure location where examinees cannot access them, and the room supervisor is ready to admit examinees. Admit examinees by checking them in, one-by-one, at the door of the test room. Do not allow an examinee to enter the room unless the room supervisor has verified the examinee's identification and marked the roster. If an examinee cannot present acceptable ID at the door, do not admit him or her to the room. Admitted examinees must stay in the test room. If it is necessary for an examinee to leave, recheck ID when the examinee is readmitted.

Check that all cell phones used by testing staff are turned off before the timed tests begin. Do not admit examinees with ANY electronic devices (other than permitted calculators) to the test room. Do not allow examinees or staff to bring food or drink, including water, into the test room (unless approved by ACT for medical reasons).

Verifying Examinee Identification

All examinees are required to present an acceptable form of identification (see below and page 24) or be personally recognized (face-to-face) by a school faculty member before being admitted to the test room. If an examinee without acceptable ID is permitted to begin testing, the examinee must be dismissed and the answer folder will not be scored—even if acceptable ID is presented later. Mark the roster to indicate the type of ID accepted for each examinee:

P = Photo ID

L = ID Letter (School or Notarized)

R and initials = Personal Recognition by Staff

 - = Absent (Absence **must** be indicated so you can decide which students to schedule for makeup testing.)

Identification to be Collected

Collect all of the following items you accept as identification and send them to ACT with the roster. Collect and send the actual item presented, not a photocopy (see page 24).

- School Identification Letters*
- Notarized Statements*
- Transcripts*
- Published Photos (e.g., newspaper/publication clippings)—collect all but yearbooks
- * Must be signed by the examinee on test day, in the presence of a staff member.

Test Day Activities

Acceptable Identification

All identification must be *original*, not a photocopy or reproduction. No stamped, computer generated, or reproduced signatures are allowed. School-issued identification, publications, letters, and transcripts are not acceptable for homeschooled examinees.

Roster Notation	Type of ID	Criteria for Acceptance
P	Current Official Photo ID	 Current (not expired); AND Issued by a school or city/state/federal government agency; AND Shows the examinee's first and last names; AND Photo is clearly recognizable as the examinee. Signature not required. Examples: driver's license, passport, school ID
		 Must be original, not a photocopy or reproduction; AND Published within the last two years; AND An individual (not a group) photo, clearly recognizable as the examinee; AND Examinee's first and last names in the caption. Signature not required. Examples: newspaper, school yearbook (collect all but yearbooks)
All must be: 1. Signed by the examinee, in your presence, on test day 2. Collected	Identification Letter	 On original, official school letterhead. If the official letterhead is computer generated or photocopied, it must be embossed with a raised or inked school seal; AND Individually completed and signed, in ink, by a school counselor or other school official (who may not be a relative); AND Shows the examinee's first and last names; AND Signed by the examinee, in ink, in the presence of that school official; AND Attached, recent (within two years), recognizable photograph with a school seal or the school official's ink signature overlapping a portion of the photo, OR
	Notarized Statement	 Examinee's name and physical description including age, gender, height, weight, race, hair and eye color Sworn statement by a notary public (who may not be a relative) identifying the examinee by name; AND Attached, recent (within two years), recognizable photograph with the notary seal or stamp overlapping a portion of the photo; AND Signed by the examinee, in ink, in the presence of the notary public.
3. Sent to ACT with the roster	Transcript with Photo	 Signed in ink by a school counselor or other school official (who may not be a relative); AND Attached, recent (within two years), recognizable photograph with the school official's signature or school seal overlapping a portion of the photo; AND Signed by the examinee, in ink, in the presence of that school official.
R Plus Staff Initials	Recognition	 Examinees without acceptable ID may be admitted only if they are personally recognized, face-to-face, by a school faculty member (who may not be a relative); AND That faculty member's initials <i>must</i> be printed legibly beside the examinee's name on the roster (without staff initials, personal recognition is invalid). If all examinees in a room were recognized by the same staff member, state that on the roster, indicating the name of the staff member along with his or her initials (e.g., "all examinees in this room were recognized by").

Examples of Unacceptable Identification

- Birth certificate
- ChildFind ID card
- Credit, charge, bank, or check cashing cards, even with a photo
- Diploma
- Family portrait or graduation picture, even if the name is imprinted on the photo
- Fishing or hunting license
- ID issued by an employer
- Learner's driving permit, temporary or replacement driver's license, if it does not include a photograph
- Organization membership card
- Passport or other photo so old that the person presenting it cannot be identified
- Personal recognition by anyone not employed by your school or not a member of testing staff
- Photo ID of parents
- Photo with examinee's name embossed or printed on it by a photographer
- Photocopies or reproductions
- Photos issued by a business for promotional purposes (e.g., amusement parks)
- Police report of a stolen wallet or purse
- Printed, stamped, or photocopied signatures
- Report card
- Social Security card
- Telephone calls to the school to identify the examinee
- Traffic ticket, even with a physical description and signature
- Web page with photo

Examinees Without Identification

Do not admit examinees without acceptable identification to the test room. If examinees can arrange for the ID to be presented **before the test booklets have been distributed**, or if the examinee is personally recognized by a staff member, he or she can be admitted. Do **not** delay testing waiting for a examinee to bring identification or allow testing of late examinees. Under **no** circumstances may an examinee be admitted to a test room after test booklets have been distributed in that room. Dismiss examinees without acceptable ID and explain the reason on the Irregularity Report.

Test Day Activities

Prohibited Items in the Test Room

Neither staff nor examinees are permitted to have food or beverages (including water) in the test room, unless approved by ACT for medical reasons. Examinees' personal belongings must be placed under the seats and examinees are not permitted to access them during testing.

Examinees may not be in possession of or use cell phones or any other electronic devices at any time, including during the break. Calculators may be used during the Mathematics Test but they must be turned off and put away when the examinee is not working on that test.

Examinees must not use or access the following items at any time while in the test room:

- Textbooks, foreign language or other dictionaries, scratch paper, reading material, notes, or any unapproved testing aids
- Highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, correction fluid or tape
- Any electronic devices (including cell phones or media players)
- Food or drink (including water)
- Tobacco in any form

Directing Examinees to Their Seats

After an examinee has been identified and the roster marked, direct the examinee to a specific, assigned seat. **Never allow examinees to choose their own seats.** Seating examinees alphabetically is acceptable or you may want to direct the first examinee to the extreme left side of the room, the second examinee to the middle of the room, the third to the right side, and so on. Separate friends and relatives or examinees that arrive together. Proctors can direct examinees by standing beside the desks to be used or at the front of rows to be filled. If you are using tables large enough for more than one examinee, direct the first examinee to the first table, the second to the second table, and so on. After one examinee has been seated at each table, seat a second examinee at each table.

Left-handed Examinees

You must determine who will need a left-handed writing surface if you are not using tables. Either ask examinees as they are admitted to the test room if they require left-handed desks or write a statement on the board telling left-handed examinees to report to a proctor for their seating assignments.



Administering the Tests

Test Room Starting Time

Testing may begin as soon as all examinees have been identified and seated. **Testing must begin no later than 9:00 a.m. in all rooms.** Testing begins when the room supervisor begins reading the Verbal Instructions. If any room starts later than 9:00 a.m., document the time and reason on the Irregularity Report. **Starting after 9:00 a.m. in any room may result in the cancellation of scores for that room.**

Absolutely no one may be admitted to the test room after test booklets have been distributed. If this policy is violated, the answer folders for the examinees admitted late will not be scored.

General Announcements to Examinees

Before testing begins, you may wish to make announcements regarding:

- Calculators: If desired, read the current list of prohibited calculators from the notice ACT sends to all Test Supervisors before the initial test date. Do **not** read the list from page 29, which may be outdated.
- Electronic devices: Other than permitted calculators, examinees are not allowed to use cell phones or any other electronic devices or have them in their possession at any time, including during the break. Examinees are responsible for not bringing prohibited devices and should be dismissed if they do. DO NOT collect cell phones or electronic devices as you admit examinees. If you collect these devices, you must make sure they are turned off, removed from the room, and placed in a secure location until you return them after dismissal.
- Hats: Some hats may obstruct your view of examinees' eyes and may allow examinees
 to conceal prohibited behavior. Not all hats may hinder your ability to monitor
 examinees and some examinees may wear hats or other headcoverings due to religious
 convictions or medical reasons. The announcement to remove hats is left to your
 discretion.
- Institutional requirements: You may dismiss an examinee who purposefully disregards a posted regulation of your site or school policy and mark the answer folder VOID. Some schools, for example, do not allow smoking on school grounds. Explain to the examinee the reason for the dismissal and document in full on the Irregularity Report.
- Nervous noise: Some examinees relieve tension through talk and movement before
 and after tests. Because they must maintain complete silence during testing, allow this
 normal behavior, but remind them to be considerate of other rooms that may still be
 testing while your room is taking a break.
- Restrooms: Describe the location of restrooms and drinking fountains available during the break.

Read the Correct Verbal Instructions

The Verbal Instructions for the timed tests are on pages 39–54. At certain points in the instructions, they will vary depending on whether you are administering the ACT (No Writing) or ACT Plus Writing. The two sets of instructions are distinguished by separation into columns and/or text color (No Writing in black; Plus Writing in color). In some locations, there is an arrow directing you to skip to another point in the instructions to continue your administration. Review the Verbal Instructions carefully before test day to make sure you read the correct ones.

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Sequence of Tests

The tests **must** be administered in the order listed below for all examinees in all rooms. If this order is altered, the answer folders will **not** be scored. Exactly observe these test times and the break schedule.

ACT No Writing	ACT Plus Writing
Test $1 = 45$ minutes	Test $1 = 45$ minutes
Test $2 = 60$ minutes	Test $2 = 60$ minutes
Break = 15 minutes	Break = 15 minutes
Test $3 = 35$ minutes	Test $3 = 35$ minutes
Test $4 = 35$ minutes	Test $4 = 35$ minutes
	Break = 5 minutes
	Writing Test $= 30$ minutes

Timing the Tests

Each room supervisor is responsible for timing the tests in his or her own room. Reading the Verbal Instructions or timing the tests is **not** to be controlled from a central location for multiple rooms (for example, using bells, a PA system, or loudspeaker). Each room supervisor must be able to react to any problems or questions that occur in a particular room and adjust timing if necessary. This procedure also minimizes the effects of any mistimings.

Extreme care must be taken to ensure the exact time is allowed for each test.

Even if all examinees in the room finish a test before the allowed time elapses, the full time for each test **must** be given. Each room must use two timepieces to time the tests, as a precaution in the event one fails. One timepiece must be an accurate clock or watch that shows the actual time of day. ACT also recommends that one of these be an interval timer or stopwatch. Do not use a cell phone as one of your timepieces.

As you begin timing each test, enter the actual Start time (e.g., 8:52) in the box on the appropriate Verbal Instructions page. Calculate the projected Stop time, then the time for the verbal announcement of 5 minutes remaining, and enter those times. Before you announce 5 minutes remaining, and before you call Stop, check your timepiece carefully against the time you have written down and verify it with the other timepiece. If a proctor is in the room, the proctor is to double-check the room supervisor's timing. Make sure you record the *actual* times you made your announcements and copy these times exactly on to the Testing Time Verification Form (page 67, sample on reverse).

The actual time of day (e.g., 8:33) you announce START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP must be entered.

Announcing Time Remaining

A verbal announcement of time remaining must be made five minutes before the end of each test. It is important to give the time remaining announcement accurately as examinees rely on it to pace themselves.

Posting Times on the Board (optional)

You may post the Start and Stop times or time allowed for each test on the board if one is available (e.g., Test 1, 45 minutes: Start time–8:45, Stop time–9:30). Verify your calculations before writing the time on the board. Do not write time remaining on the board as it can be confusing depending on when examinees check it. Time remaining must be a verbal announcement.

Checking Calculators During Test 2

You must check for prohibited calculators **during Test 2** (Mathematics). Check periodically to make sure examinees did not switch calculators after the first check. If you discover an examinee using a prohibited calculator, follow the procedures on pages 37–38 to dismiss the examinee and void the answer folder. Document this dismissal on the Irregularity Report.

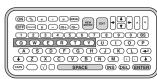
Calculators

Examples of Permitted Calculators





Examples of Prohibited Calculators





Scientific or graphing

Four-function

QWERTY keyboard

Paper tape

Permitted Calculators

ACT permits examinees to use a calculator on the Mathematics Test (Test 2) but not on any of the other tests. Use of a calculator is optional. All problems on the Mathematics Test can be solved without a calculator. Any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator may be used, unless it is specifically prohibited as described below.

Prohibited Calculators

ACT provides an updated list of prohibited devices to Test Supervisors before the initial test date. Each room supervisor must have a copy of the current list to refer to during Test 2. These types of calculators are prohibited (check **www.actstudent.org** for updates):

- Texas Instruments: All model numbers that begin with **TI-89** or **TI-92**; and the **TI-Nspire CAS**—The TI-Nspire (non-CAS) is permitted.
- Hewlett-Packard: **HP 48GII** and all model numbers that begin with **HP 40G**, **HP 49G**, or **HP 50G**
- Casio: **Algebra fx 2.0**, **ClassPad 300** and **ClassPad 330**, and all model numbers that begin with **CFX-9970G**
- handheld, tablet, or laptop computers, including PDAs
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices—The Sharp EL 9600 is permitted.
- calculators built into cell phones or any other electronic communication devices
- calculators with a typewriter keypad (letter keys in QWERTY format)—Letter keys not in QWERTY format are permitted.

Calculators Permitted with Modification

These types of calculators are permitted, but only after they are modified as noted:

- calculators with paper tape—Remove the tape.
- calculators that make noise—Turn off the sound.
- calculators with an infrared data port—Completely cover the infrared data port with heavy opaque material, such as duct tape or electrician's tape (includes Hewlett-Packard HP 38G series, HP 39G series, and HP 48G).
- calculators that have power cords—Remove all power/electrical cords.

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Some calculators may have mathematical formulas printed on the calculator itself; this is permitted. Likewise, some calculators come with preprinted instructions for the use of the calculator that are inserted into the calculator cover and carried with it; these instructions do not need to be removed.

Examinees are responsible for ensuring their calculators meet ACT standards. They are informed of ACT standards for permitted calculators in the booklet *Taking the ACT State Testing*, which advises them to check **www.actstudent.org** or call toll free **800/498-6481** for a recorded message about the latest list of prohibited calculators.

Examinees are responsible for bringing a permitted calculator and making sure it works properly. You are not expected to provide calculators or batteries. Examinees may not share calculators. They may use a backup calculator if it is first checked by a member of the testing staff, but may not use or have on the desk more than one calculator at a time.

When the examinee is not working on the Mathematics Test, the calculator must be turned off and put away. If it has games or other functions, those functions may not be used—only the mathematics functions of the calculator may be used.

Calculators are NOT TO BE CLEARED by staff before or during the test. You may clear calculators after the test only if you suspect examinees are attempting to use their calculators' memory to store test items. In such cases, clear the memory and document your suspicions on the Irregularity Report.

If you notice when examinees are admitted that they have calculators with large characters (one-inch high or larger) or a raised display, direct them to seats where other examinees cannot see the calculator.

Checking for Prohibited Behavior

- Throughout testing, walk quietly around the room to discourage and detect prohibited behavior. Staff attentiveness is a very effective deterrent.
- Document all prohibited behavior and any actions you take on the Irregularity Report.
- If you dismiss an examinee for prohibited behavior, follow the Dismissal for Prohibited Behavior procedures on page 37 exactly.

Working Behind/Working Ahead

Examinees may look at or work only on the current test. There are symbols at the top of every test booklet page to help you identify the different tests.

Giving or Receiving Assistance

Make sure examinees keep their eyes on their own work and do not communicate with others. If you suspect communication or copying is taking place, but are uncertain, move examinees to other seats as needed and continue to observe closely. If you are certain, even if you did not directly observe the behavior, dismiss the examinee(s). Document which examinees are involved and the actions you took on the Irregularity Report.

Marking Ovals After Time is Called

Examinees are not permitted to mark, add, or alter test responses after time has been called on that test. This is the most common prohibited behavior. When you call STOP, **look up** at the examinees—all pencils must be put down *immediately*. Anyone continuing to work **must** be dismissed.

After each test, or at the beginning of the next test, walk around the room and note which examinees have unfinished or blank ovals. Use a suitable method to keep track such as making notes on the Seating Diagram. If you later see any of the previously incomplete ovals filled in, dismiss the examinee.

Removing Test Materials

Watch for note-taking, tearing out pages of the test booklet, taking another examinee's or an unused test booklet, etc. Whenever possible, recover the material from the examinee. Call ACT before allowing the examinee to leave the test site. Document completely on the Irregularity Report.

Using Notes or Aids

Make sure all personal belongings are inaccessible and that examinees have nothing on their desks except a test booklet, answer document, pencils, and eraser. Calculators must be turned off and put away when examinees are not working on the Mathematics Test. Watch for notes in an examinee's purse or book bag and inside a calculator cover, for notes or codes written on unlikely items such as erasers or clothing, and for any unapproved testing aids. If you suspect an examinee, but are uncertain, warn him or her of the behavior and contact ACT for a decision before the student leaves the test site. Document any incident carefully on the Irregularity Report and attach the notes or aid in question whenever possible.

Break After Test 2

ACT **requires** that you allow a break of 15 minutes at the end of Test 2 to allow examinees to relax or go to the restroom. It is advisable for each room supervisor to schedule the break at the end of Test 2 as dictated by individual testing activity in the room. You may wish to designate a break area. Do not attempt to preset an exact schedule for all test rooms. **The break may not include lunch.** If it does, scores for all students may be cancelled.

Do not delay or lengthen the break in your room to wait for other rooms. You MUST resume testing no later than 15 minutes after STOP is called on Test 2.

Begin timing the break **immediately** after the you call STOP on Test 2. The 15-minute break is the **entire** time between the end of Test 2 and the start of Test 3, not just the time examinees are not in the room. If the break is longer than 15 minutes, explain why on the Irregularity Report.

Breaks longer than 15 minutes will be questioned and may result in cancelled scores.

Do not alter the testing sequence by skipping the break, lengthening the break, allowing additional breaks, or scheduling the break at another time. Any alteration of the testing sequence (see page 28) may result in cancelled scores.

Whether examinees may talk among themselves during the break is left to your discretion. All test booklets must be closed with the answer folders inside them before the break begins. If examinees remain in the room, collect the materials or otherwise ensure that examinees do not tamper with them. **Do not leave the test room unattended.** Assign testing staff to control hallway noise if other rooms are still testing.

Resume testing no later than **15 minutes** after the end of Test 2. Do **not** delay testing waiting for examinees who are late. Late examinees may be readmitted, but may not make up lost time. Keep conversation with examinees who return late to a minimum.

Break Before the Writing Test—ACT Plus Writing Only

Once the multiple-choice test booklets have been collected and verified after Test 4, allow examinees five minutes to relax or sharpen their pencils before the Writing Test. Examinees must remain in the room. Monitor the test room closely to ensure that examinees do not add or alter any multiple-choice test responses. **Do not leave the test room unattended.** Resume testing after five minutes. **Do NOT distribute the Writing Test booklets during the break.**

Administering the Tests

Examinees Who Leave During a Test and Return

Examinees may go to the restroom during testing, but it is best not to announce it. They are told in *Taking the ACT* to expect a break between Tests 2 and 3. Examinees in Plus Writing states are also told to expect a brief break before the Writing Test. During this break, examinees must remain in the room, but if they need to leave, follow the same procedures as for an examinee who needs to leave during a test.

Collect test booklets and answer folders from examinees who go to the restroom. Return test materials to examinees when they are readmitted. Be sure the same examinee returns after leaving. If you have doubts, recheck the identification.

Examinees who leave the test room during a timed test or return after timing has begun may not make up lost time. The absence need not be recorded on the Irregularity Report.

If two or more examinees are permitted to leave at the same time, or if other rooms have been dismissed, the examinees must be accompanied by a proctor. If no proctor is available, only one examinee may leave the room at a time. **Do not leave a test room unsupervised at any time.**

Examinees Who Leave Early

Examinees must remain seated until the break. If an examinee insists on leaving early, collect and secure the answer folder and test booklet, then document the situation on the Irregularity Report (page 69). After testing, decide whether the examinee will be scheduled for makeup testing (see page 56).

Guessing

If you are asked about guessing, refer examinees to the instructions printed on the front cover of the test booklet. Do not comment on or add in any way to the printed directions.

Test Item Challenges

If an examinee challenges typographical errors or ambiguities in particular test items, tell the examinee to answer the item as it is written and report the details of the challenge to you after the test is over. Complete an Irregularity Report with the examinee's name, address, test booklet number, test form, the item number being challenged, and the examinee's question about the item. For security reasons, do **not** include a copy of the test item in question. The Test Supervisor must also call ACT on test day (800/553-6244, ext. 2800) to report the challenge.





Complete an Irregularity Report (page 69) for each room in which an individual or group irregularity occurs, attach any affected answer folders, and return it to ACT in the RED envelope. Report and describe in detail any irregularity, especially those that could affect test scores. Include the names of examinees who were dismissed from or who left the test site without completing all their tests. If no irregularities occur in any rooms at your test site, do not return a report.

Group Irregularities

A group irregularity is one that affects a group of examinees (e.g., one room or the entire site). If this occurs, follow the instructions below and call ACT as soon as possible. Carefully note the amount of testing time elapsed and remember to safeguard the security of the test materials at all times.

Interrupting a Test

If you must interrupt a timed test, instruct examinees to stop testing and close their test booklets with their answer folders inside; record the elapsed testing time. Collect the materials if necessary to maintain security. When you resume testing, begin timing where you left off to give examinees the remaining time allowed for that test. If the interval is significant, add two minutes to the remaining time for that test so examinees can regain their concentration. If you cannot resume testing, contact ACT promptly for instructions.

Disturbances and Distractions

If a disturbance or distraction occurs that affects examinees' concentration and it cannot be stopped, or the examinees cannot be moved to a quieter location, immediately call ACT. Do not dismiss examinees until you have received instructions. If you do not have a proctor to assist you, stop testing. Collect and secure the test booklets and answer folders before leaving the room to call ACT. Report all disturbances and distractions, however minor (including examinee illness), on your Irregularity Report.

Emergency Evacuation

In the event of an emergency evacuation, your first concern must be for the safety of your examinees and your testing staff. If an emergency occurs, note the testing time that has elapsed and—if time permits—have examinees close their test booklets and place their answer folders inside them. Collect the test booklets only if time permits. Instruct examinees and staff to leave the building. If it is safe to do so, lock the test room. Call ACT as soon as you can safely reach a telephone.

Inclement Weather

If bad weather causes school to close or termination of testing, call ACT for instructions as soon as possible.

Missing or Stolen Test Materials

A missing or stolen test booklet is the most serious irregularity that can occur at a test site, excluding those affecting the health or safety of your examinees or staff.

If—at any time—you cannot account for a test booklet or an answer folder with student identifying information, you must **immediately** call ACT State Testing at 800/553-6244, ext. 2800. We will advise you regarding what actions you must take.

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Mistiming

Any deviation from timing the tests exactly (see page 28) is a mistiming. A mistimed test constitutes a serious irregularity that is difficult to resolve. **MISTIMINGS CAN BE PREVENTED BY CAREFUL SUPERVISION.** Scores cannot be adjusted to compensate for a mistiming. If a retest is necessary, students must transfer all non-test information to new answer folders and **must** retake **all tests**, not just the one that was mistimed.

- If **more** than the time allowed is given on a test, notify ACT immediately.
- If **less** than the time allowed is given on a test, allow students to make up the shortage before dismissal. If a shortage on a previous test is discovered after students have begun work on the next test, do not interrupt their work. Wait until that test has been completed, then make up the additional time on the previous test. Document the problem and its resolution on the Irregularity Report.
- If a mistiming is discovered **after** students have been dismissed, call ACT immediately. This irregularity must be resolved before answer documents are scored and early notification is critical. Please attach **only** the affected answer documents to your Irregularity Report so the situation can be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Do not allow students to make up a shortage after dismissal unless ACT has given you express authorization to do so.

Power Failure

If a power failure occurs and students cannot be moved to another location with adequate heat, ventilation, light, and adequate examinee spacing, collect the test booklets and answer folders, then follow the directions for Rescheduled Examination on page 4.

Individual Irregularities

An individual irregularity is one that affects a single person or several individuals involved in a single circumstance (e.g., communicating answers to each other). Follow the directions for each type of individual irregularity as described below.

Defective Test Materials

Replace a defective test booklet or answer folder as quickly as possible so the student does not lose time. If necessary, stop testing until a replacement can be obtained.

- 1. Be sure the replacement booklet is the **same test form** as the defective booklet.
- 2. If you replace an answer folder, the student does **not** change the booklet number. If you replace a test booklet, the student **does** change the booklet number.
- 3. Print "Defective Material" on the cover of the test booklet or across the front page of the answer folder and attach it to the Irregularity Report. Explain the circumstances on the Irregularity Report.
- 4. If an answer folder is defective, the student must transfer, under close supervision, all information exactly as originally noted to a new one **after the test session and without access to the test booklet.**
- 5. Call ACT for instructions if you do not have sufficient materials to replace those that are defective.

Duplicating Test Materials

Testing staff and students are not permitted to duplicate or record any part of the ACT tests by copying, taking notes, photographing, scanning, or using any other means. All answer folders and test booklets must be returned to testing staff. No portion of these materials may be retained by students.

If you observe an examinee using photographic, scanning, or recording devices during the administration or removing pages from a test booklet, follow the procedures in Dismissal for Prohibited Behavior on page 37 or Refusal to Turn In Test Materials on page 38.

In all cases, examinees must be dismissed, any devices confiscated and cleared, and the answer folder marked VOID. Inform the examinee the answer folder will not be scored, the reason for your action, and include all necessary information on the Irregularity Report. Call ACT (during testing, if possible) to determine if any additional action is required.

Failure to Follow Directions

Only answers properly marked on the answer folder during the time allowed for a particular test will be scored. ACT will not transfer responses. The answer folder will be scored as received.

- UNAUTHORIZED MARKING OF RESPONSES IN TEST BOOKLET. Unless the examinee has been approved by your school to mark responses in the test booklet, only responses marked on the answer folder during the time allowed for a particular test will be scored. If an examinee without an approved accommodation has mistakenly marked responses in the test booklet and has not transferred them to the answer folder:
 - 1. If time remains on the current test, instruct the examinee to immediately transfer responses for the current test from the test booklet to the answer folder. If time has been called on that test, no answers may be transferred.
 - 2. The examinee may then continue testing by marking responses only on the answer folder.
 - 3. Only responses marked on the answer folder during the time allowed for a particular test will be scored. Therefore, do **not** allow the examinee to transfer responses from tests for which time has already been called, and do **not** allow the examinee to transfer responses during a break, after testing, or on the makeup test date.
 - 4. Document the situation on the Irregularity Report. Do **not** void the answer folder.
- MARKING RESPONSES IN A FUTURE SECTION OF ANSWER FOLDER (e.g., marking Test 3 responses in the section for Test 4 during the administration of Test 3). As soon as this error in marking is detected, give the examinee a new, blank answer folder and:
 - 1. If time remains on the current test, instruct the examinee to begin marking responses in the correct section of the new answer folder, beginning with the next item.
 - 2. If time has been called on that test, instruct the examinee to begin marking responses in the correct section of the new answer folder, beginning with the next test.
 - 3. After testing is completed, supervise the examinee as he or she transfers all non-test responses and all previous test responses from the first answer folder to the correct sections on the new answer folder. This transfer must occur under close supervision and without access to the test booklet.
 - 4. Mark the first answer folder "REPLACED," document the situation in detail on the Irregularity Report, and attach the replaced answer folder to the report. Return only the new answer folder for scoring.
- MARKING RESPONSES IN A PREVIOUS SECTION OF ANSWER FOLDER (e.g., marking responses in the section for Test 2 during the administration of Test 3)
- WORKING ON WRONG TEST (e.g., working on Test 4 during the time allowed for Test 3).

Both of these situations are prohibited behavior (working ahead or behind). Follow the procedures in Dismissal for Prohibited Behavior on page 37.

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Examinees Who Become III

Collect the test booklet and answer folder from an examinee who becomes ill and needs to leave the test room. If the examinee returns and continues testing, lost time may not be made up. Explain the situation and record the time lost on the Irregularity Report.

If a student cannot finish testing because of illness, you must decide whether the answer folder should be scored or the student should be scheduled for makeup testing. Students do not make this decision. Clearly indicate your decision on the Irregularity Report.

Only one answer folder will be scored for each student (either for the initial or makeup date). Follow the Scheduling Makeup Testing procedures on page 56.

Irrational Behavior

If an examinee acts in an irrational or violent manner, proceed as follows:

- Try to prevent other examinees from being interrupted, affected, or involved.
- Collect and retain the examinee's test materials without physical force.
- Dismiss the examinee from the test room as quietly as possible, without physical force or contact.
- If necessary, call security or police to protect staff and other examinees' safety.
- Inform the examinee that the answer folder will not be scored.
- Give a detailed explanation on the Irregularity Report, mark the answer folder VOID, and attach the examinee's test materials to the report.

Prohibited Behavior

If an examinee is engaging in prohibited behavior, proceed in a way that does not cause unnecessary disturbance. Some disturbance may be inevitable. Treat the offender reasonably and firmly. Follow the procedures in Dismissal for Prohibited Behavior on page 37 exactly and continue testing.

Prohibited behaviors include:

- Filling in or altering ovals on a test or continuing to work after time has been called.
- Looking back at a test on which time has already been called.
- Looking ahead in the test booklet.
- Having or using any electronic device during testing or during break(s).
- Looking at another examinee's test booklet or answer folder.
- Giving or receiving assistance.
- Using a prohibited calculator.
- Using a calculator on any test other than the Mathematics Test.
- Sharing a calculator with another examinee.
- Sharing or exchanging information by any means during the tests or during break(s).
- Attempting to remove test materials, including test questions or answers, from the test room by any means.
- Using highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, scratch paper, notes, dictionaries, or any unapproved testing aids.
- Not following instructions or abiding by the rules of your school or test site.
- Exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior.
- Creating a disturbance or allowing an alarm to sound in the test room.

Have a proctor verify your observation if possible. However, if you are **certain** an examinee is engaging in prohibited behavior, dismiss the examinee based upon your own observation. The Test Supervisor does not have to be called to the room to verify the activity.

You do not need to observe prohibited behavior if you are certain it occurred. For example, if you are certain that five ovals left unfilled at the end of a test were filled in after time was called on that test, dismiss the examinee. You must inform the examinee the answer folder will not be scored.

If you **suspect** an examinee is engaged in prohibited behavior, but are not certain, discreetly warn him or her that these activities are prohibited and continue close observation. To discourage looking at someone else's answer folder, or giving or receiving assistance, move the examinee to another seat. Document the move on the Seating Diagram. If you suspect an examinee has filled in or altered ovals or continued to work after time was called, warn the individual immediately. Document your suspicions and actions on the Irregularity Report.

Do not void an answer folder for any other reason (e.g., examinee leaves early, asks that the answer folder not be scored, refuses to continue testing, does not take testing seriously). See Voiding Answer Folders on page 38.

Dismissal for Prohibited Behavior

If you dismiss an examinee for prohibited behavior, follow these procedures exactly:

- 1. Take action immediately without creating a disturbance. If you cannot, wait until the end of the current timed test.
- 2. Collect the answer folder and test booklet.
- 3. If you believe an electronic device was used to store or exchange information, or to make an image of the test, collect the device from the examinee and call ACT immediately. ACT will determine if the device is to be retained and sent to ACT or returned to the examinee. Do not return the device to the examinee without ACT approval.
- 4. Tell the examinee:
 - a. You observed or are certain of the prohibited behavior.
 - b. He or she is being dismissed because of the behavior.
 - c. The answer folder will not be scored.
- 5. Write VOID on page 1 of the answer folder. Do so in the examinee's presence, if possible.
- 6. Complete a detailed Irregularity Report that includes:
 - a. The time of the incident and the name(s) of the examinee(s).
 - b. The number of ovals the examinee(s) had filled in at the time of the incident.
 - c. The test room and seating location(s) of the examinee(s).
 - d. The details of what you observed.
 - e. The statements you and the examinee(s) made.
 - f. The name(s) of the staff who observed or were certain of the irregularity.
- 7. Attach the voided answer folder to the Irregularity Report and return it in the **RED** envelope. Return the test booklet with the other used booklets.

ACT will not score the answer folder(s) if you follow these procedures exactly. However, you **must inform the examinee** the answer folder will not be scored, and clearly indicate this on the Irregularity Report. Otherwise, the answer folder will be scored.

Do NOT schedule examinees dismissed for prohibited behavior for makeup testing. The decision to cancel scores due to prohibited behavior is at ACT's sole discretion and CANNOT be appealed or reversed.

Irregularities

Voiding Answer Folders

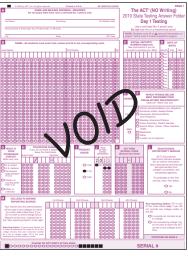
Report and document the reason for voiding all answer folders on the Irregularity Report. Mark page 1 of an answer folder VOID and attach it to the Irregularity Report for the following reasons **only**:

- An examinee was dismissed for prohibited behavior and was told the answer folder will not be scored.
- An examinee did not finish testing on the initial test date due to illness or was absent on the initial test date and has transferred all non-test responses to a new answer folder in preparation for makeup testing (see page 56).

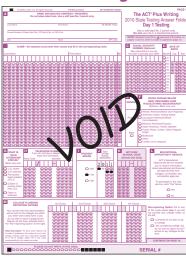
OR

Examinees may not request that their answer folders not be scored.





Plus Writing AF



Refusal to Turn In Test Materials

Examinees must return all test materials before leaving the test room. If an examinee refuses to turn in a test booklet, warn the examinee that the police will be contacted and this action may result in fines and imprisonment. Call ACT immediately and describe the situation in detail, including the examinee's name and the test booklet number. Do not place yourself in a position of physical danger, and do not leave test materials or examinees unattended.





Verbal Instructions for Standard Time Testing

These Verbal Instructions apply to ALL ACT State Testing administrations. If you are administering the ACT (No Writing), you will be directed to SKIP certain instructions, or there will be SEPARATE instructions for ACT (No Writing) and ACT Plus Writing administrations.

The ACT tests must always be administered under supervised, timed, secure, standardized testing conditions. No test room may be left unattended by testing personnel at any time. Do not leave the room even if only one examinee is testing. To ensure security of test materials, distribute answer folders and test booklets only when directed by the Verbal Instructions, **not** prior to the arrival of examinees.

To ensure standardized conditions, it is important that room supervisors read the following Verbal Instructions loudly, clearly, and exactly as they are written.

These instructions are for **standard time** administrations only.

- Practice reading these instructions before test day.
- On test day, read aloud all the instructions in the shaded boxes.
- Read them loudly and clearly, exactly as written. Do not depart from this text. (Text in parentheses is for your information only and is not to be read aloud.)
- Pause after each series of dots (...) and look up at the examinees to be sure they are following instructions. Wait for everyone to finish before proceeding.
- An arrow () indicates an action you must perform at that point in the instructions.

Non-test portions of the answer folder may NOT be completed on any test day—not before and not after the tests. If students are allowed to complete any of the non-test portions on the initial or makeup test date, or allowed to handle answer folders after testing, the answer folders will NOT be scored.

If you plan to provide calculators to examinees, distribute them as you admit students to the room (or before testing begins).

After all students have been identified, admitted, and seated, begin reading the Verbal Instructions. Distribute the partially completed answer folders only when directed by the Verbal Instructions. Seating students alphabetically will normally assist you in smooth distribution. You must make sure each student receives his or her own folder.

Check to see that everyone has a pencil. Then, say:

We are now ready to begin testing. As I hand you an answer folder, please check to make sure your name is on it. If it is not, raise your hand now....

Hand each student his or her answer folder individually. You must resolve any discrepancies in answer folder identification before continuing. Verbal Instructions

ACT No Writing

Today, you will be taking the A-C-T, which is composed of four multiple-choice tests in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The tests will be administered under standard time conditions. If you believe you are NOT to test with standard time, raise your hand now.

ACT Plus Writing

Today, you will be taking the A-C-T, which is composed of four multiple-choice tests in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science, followed by a Writing Test, for which you will complete an essay written in English. The tests will be administered under standard time conditions. If you believe you are NOT to test with standard time, raise your hand now.

If any examinees indicate they are NOT to test under standard time conditions, confer with the Test Supervisor and/or Test Accommodations Coordinator **immediately** to determine if these examinees are testing under the correct time conditions. A proctor must remain in the room while you do so. You may need to call ACT for verification and/or rescheduling options if examinees were assigned to the wrong room.

ALL administrations then say:

Eating, drinking, and the use of tobacco or reading materials are not permitted in the test room. You may not have a cell phone, media player, or electronic device of any kind in the test room, other than a permitted calculator, and you may not use them during break(s). If we find that you have brought a cell phone, media player, or any other electronic device into the test room or you use one during break(s), you will be dismissed and your answer folder will not be scored. If you brought a calculator, put it away now; you may use it only during the Mathematics Test.

Please clear your desk of everything except soft lead No. 2 pencils, erasers, and your answer folder. Place all personal items under your seat. You will not be allowed to access them during testing. Your answer folder will be scored by machine. Make all marks heavy and black. Fill in each oval completely without extending your marks outside the lines. Stray marks, smudges, or errors not carefully and cleanly erased can affect the scoring of your answer folder. Do not use a mechanical pencil, ink pen, or correction fluid. If you do, your answer folder cannot be scored accurately. Are there any questions?...

Answer any questions, then say:

Turn your answer folder to page 4. I will now hand you a multiple-choice test booklet. Do not break the seal or open it until I tell you to do so. Test booklets are the property of A-C-T and must be returned before you are dismissed. You are strictly prohibited from disclosing test questions or response choices to anyone. When you receive your test booklet, sign and print your name, and enter your date of birth in the spaces provided on the front cover. Then, read the directions. After you have read them, look up....

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY YOU ADMIT AN EXAMINEE TO THE TEST ROOM ONCE YOU BEGIN DISTRIBUTING THE TEST BOOKLETS. ANSWER FOLDERS OF EXAMINEES ALLOWED TO VIOLATE THIS POLICY WILL NOT BE SCORED.

Hand out the multiple-choice test booklets in sequential, serial number order, and only to examinees who are in the room. Do not hold or skip booklets for late or absent examinees, or leave a test booklet at an empty desk. Do **not** have examinees distribute test booklets.

Keep an exact count of the number of test booklets distributed and the order in which they were distributed for completing your Seating Diagram (page 65).

If you are administering the ACT Plus Writing, do NOT distribute the Writing Test booklets at this time.

When all examinees have read the directions, say:

Now, find the six-digit number in the top-left corner of your test booklet and copy it into the "Booklet Number" boxes at the top of page 4 of your answer folder. Fill in the corresponding oval in the column below each box....

Next, find the 3-character test form under the date of birth boxes, copy it into the "Form" boxes on your answer folder, and fill in the matching oval. If you do not fill in the correct oval, your answer folder cannot be scored accurately....

Room supervisors and/or proctors must walk around the room and ensure that each examinee has entered the correct test booklet number and test form and filled in those ovals on the answer folder.

When all examinees have finished, say:

Please listen carefully to the following instructions. The use of scratch paper is not permitted. Do any figuring or scratch work in your test booklet.

Mark only one response to each question. You will receive credit only for responses properly marked on your answer folder during the time allowed for a specific test.

I will walk around the room during testing to be sure you are working on the right test. If you have a question or need another pencil, raise your hand. Do not look around.

If you are wearing a watch with an alarm, you must be sure it is turned off now. If your alarm sounds in the test room, you will be dismissed and your answer folder will not be scored....

Allow time for examinees to turn off any alarms, then say:

I will keep the official time for this examination. I will announce when five minutes remain on each test to serve as a warning before time is called. It is to your advantage to answer every question. Are there any questions?...

If there are no questions, continue by saying:

The following behaviors are prohibited. You will be dismissed and your answer folder will not be scored if you are found:

- in possession of or using any electronic device during testing or during breaks
- looking back at a test on which time has already been called
- looking ahead in the test booklet
- looking at another examinee's test booklet or answer folder
- giving or receiving assistance
- using a prohibited calculator
- using a calculator on any test other than the Mathematics Test
- sharing a calculator with another examinee
- using any device to share or exchange information at any time during testing or during breaks
- attempting to remove test materials, including test questions or answers, from the test room by any means
- using highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, scratch paper, notes, dictionaries, or other aids
- not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the test site
- exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior
- creating a disturbance
- filling in or altering ovals on a test or continuing to work after time has been called on that test. Filling in ovals on a previous test during a later test, even with the test booklet closed, is prohibited. If I notice that a test has not been completed and later notice that it has been, I will dismiss you and your answer folder will not be scored.

Remember to keep your answer folder flat on your desk and placed so that others cannot see it.

Please pay attention to the announcement of five minutes remaining on each test. When I call time and tell you to Stop at the end of a test, put your pencil down immediately and look up at me. If you finish before I call time, recheck your work on that test, place your answer folder inside your test booklet, and close the cover. You may not read or engage in any other activity that could distract others still testing. From this time on, there must be no talking. Listen carefully to these instructions....

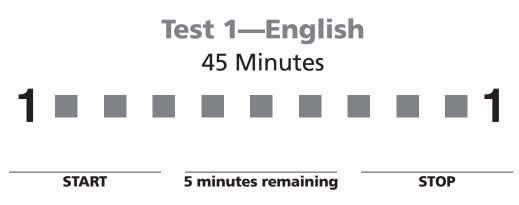
When everyone is ready, say:

You will have 45 minutes to work on Test 1. Do not begin work until I tell you to do so. During this time you are to work only on Test 1. If you finish before time is called, recheck your work on Test 1, then place your answer folder inside your test booklet and close the cover. Do not turn the page to the next test. You may now break the seal, but do not open the booklet....

Wait for everyone to break the seal, set your stopwatch or interval timer to 45 minutes, then say:

You have 45 minutes to work on this test. Open your booklet to Test 1, read the directions carefully, and begin work.

Begin timing.



- During Test 1, do the following:
 - As you begin testing, enter the actual time of day you announce START above (e.g., 8:43), then calculate the projected STOP time and the time for the verbal announcement of 5 minutes remaining (subtract 5 minutes from the STOP time). Before you announce 5 minutes remaining and before you call STOP, check your timepieces carefully against the time you have written down.
 - Make sure you record the actual times you make your announcements.
 - You and your proctors must walk quietly around the room. This ensures examinees are working on the correct test, makes you available to respond to illness, and helps discourage prohibited behavior.
 - Complete the Seating Diagram on page 65. If you need to verify booklet numbers for your diagram, do so at the break. Complete **every** item on the form.

For Plus Writing administrations, you must record TWO six-digit serial numbers in each square of the Seating Diagram—one for the multiple-choice test booklet now and one for the Writing Test booklet later.

• Complete **item C** of the Test Booklet Count Form on page 63. **This must be done for ALL administrations.** Verify the numbers with the occupied seats on your Seating Diagram and the number of used and unused test booklets. If there is a discrepancy, notify the Test Supervisor immediately. A proctor must remain in the room. Be sure unused test booklets are in a secure area where examinees cannot access them.

When your watch or timer indicates exactly **40 minutes** have passed and you have checked the time, say:

You have 5 minutes remaining on this test.

Verbal Instructions

When your watch or timer indicates **5 more minutes** (exactly 45 minutes total) have passed and you have checked the Stop time, say:

Stop, put your pencil down, close your test booklet, and look up at me now....

Verify everyone has stopped, and then say:

All problems on the Mathematics Test can be solved without a calculator. However, you **are** allowed to use a calculator on this test. If you brought a calculator, you may get it out now....

Some types of calculators are prohibited. For example, you may not use any version of the TI-89. You are responsible for knowing if your calculator is permitted. I will check your calculator periodically during the test. If you use a prohibited calculator, you will be dismissed and your answer folder will not be scored.

You are also responsible for making sure your calculator is working properly. I will not provide you with backup batteries or a replacement calculator. Do not share your calculator with another examinee. If you need to use your backup calculator, raise your hand, and I will check it. You may have only one calculator on your desk or in operation at a time. If you did not bring a backup calculator and yours malfunctions, continue testing. If your calculator has games or other functions, you may not use those functions during the test; you may use only the mathematics functions. Keep your calculator flat on your desk. Are there any questions?...

If there are no questions, continue by saying:

You will have 60 minutes to work on Test 2. Do not begin work until I tell you to do so. During this time, you are to work only on Test 2. If you finish before time is called, recheck your work on Test 2, turn your calculator off, then place your answer folder inside your test booklet and close the cover. Do not turn the page to the next test, and do not fill in or alter ovals for Test 1. Please remember to close your calculator quietly in consideration of others. There will be a break after I call time on this test.

► Set your stopwatch or interval timer to **60 minutes**, then say:

You have 60 minutes to work on this test. Do any figuring in your test booklet. Turn to Test 2, read the directions carefully, and begin work.

Begin timing.

Test 2—Mathematics60 Minutes



START 5 minutes remaining STOP

During Test 2, do the following:

- Record the actual time of day you announce START above and calculate the times of day for announcing 5 minutes remaining and STOP. Make sure you record the *actual* times you make your announcements.
- Staff must check all calculators periodically during Test 2. (See Checking Calculators During Test 2 and Calculators, pages 29–30). If an examinee uses a prohibited calculator, follow the instructions on pages 37–38 to void the answer folder and dismiss the examinee. Document this dismissal on the Irregularity Report.
- **Testing Time Verification Form—Required:** (page 67) Transfer the *actual* START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP times for **Test 1** onto the form.
- Walk around the room to monitor examinees.

When your watch or timer indicates exactly **55 minutes** have passed and you have checked the time, say:

You have 5 minutes remaining on this test.

When your watch or timer indicates **5 more minutes** (exactly 60 minutes total) have passed and you have checked the Stop time, say:

Stop, put your pencil down. Place your answer folder inside your test booklet, close the booklet, leave it on your desk, and look up at me now....

Verify everyone has stopped, then say:

Put your calculator away. You may not use it for the remaining tests. You will now have a 15-minute break. Testing will resume promptly at_____. If you return late, you will not be allowed to make up lost time. Remember, you may not use any electronic devices during break, and you may not bring snacks or drinks, including water, back to the test room. (If testing or classes are in progress in other rooms, remind examinees to be quiet in the halls.)

Examinees may not have food or beverages, including water, in the test room. If school or site regulations permit, examinees may eat or drink **outside** the test room during break.

Verbal Instructions

Break—15 Minutes

START	END
(Immediately after STOP of Test 2)	(Students due back in the room)

▶ During the break, do the following:

- Make sure no test materials are taken out of the room and all test booklets are closed with the answer folders inside them.
- **Do not leave the test room unattended.** If any students remain in the room, monitor them closely.
- Transfer the *actual* START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP times for **Test 2** onto the Testing Time Verification Form.
- Double-check every answer folder to be sure students have entered the test booklet number and test form, and filled in the corresponding ovals. Also check that test booklets have been signed.
- Verify the test booklet serial numbers you have written on your Seating Diagram against the booklet at each seat.
- You and your proctor(s) must monitor noise during the break to prevent disrupting rooms that are still testing.
- If you designate a break area, make sure staff members monitor this area to minimize noise and ensure students are not using cell phones or other electronic devices.
- Resume testing **no later than 15 minutes** after Test 2 ends. Do not delay the start of Test 3 waiting for students who return late. They may be readmitted, but may not make up lost time. Keep conversation with late arrivals to a minimum. If a student does not return, do not void the answer folder until you decide whether to schedule the student for makeup testing (see page 56).

At the end of the 15-minute break, say:

Attention. Please get ready to resume testing....

Clear your desk of everything except your pencils, erasers, test booklet, and answer folder. **Do not open your test booklet.** Check page 1 of your answer folder to be sure your name appears in Block A....

When everyone is ready, say:

You will have 35 minutes to work on Test 3. Do not begin work until I tell you to do so. During this time, you are to work only on Test 3. If you finish before time is called, recheck your work on Test 3, then place your answer folder inside your test booklet and close the cover. Do not turn the page to the next test and do not fill in or alter ovals for previous tests. If you do, I will dismiss you and your answer folder will not be scored.

Set your stopwatch or interval timer to 35 minutes, and say:

You have 35 minutes to work on this test. Turn to Test 3, read the directions carefully, and begin work.

Begin timing.

Test 3—Reading 35 Minutes

3

3

START

5 minutes remaining

STOP

During Test 3, do the following:

- Record the actual time of day you announce START above and calculate the times of day for announcing 5 minutes remaining and STOP. Make sure you record the *actual* times you make your announcements.
- Be especially careful in computing the STOP time for Tests 3 and 4.
 Mistiming occurs most frequently on these tests and can require retaking all tests, not just the one that was mistimed.
- If any examinees do not return from break, collect their materials shortly after testing has begun. (See Examinees Who Leave Early, page 32.)
- Walk around the room to monitor examinees.

When your watch or timer indicates exactly **30 minutes** have passed and you have checked the time, say:

You have 5 minutes remaining on this test.

When your watch or timer indicates **5 more minutes** (exactly 35 minutes total) have passed and you have checked the Stop time, say:

Stop, put your pencil down, close your test booklet, and look up at me now....

Verbal Instructions

Verify everyone has stopped, and then say:

You will have 35 minutes to work on Test 4. Do not begin work until I tell you to do so. During this time you are to work only on Test 4. If you finish before time is called, recheck your work on Test 4, then place your answer folder inside your test booklet and close the cover. Do not fill in or alter ovals for any other test.

ACT No Writing	ACT Plus Writing
After I call time on this test, you must remain quietly in your seat while I collect and count the answer folders and test booklets. There must be no talking.	After I call time on this test, you must remain quietly in your seat while I collect and count the test booklets. Leave your answer folder on your desk but do not open or mark on it. After I collect the test booklets, you will have a 5-minute break, but you must remain in the room.

► Set your stopwatch or interval timer to **35 minutes**, then say:

You have 35 minutes to work on this test. Turn to **Test 4**, read the directions carefully, and begin work.

Begin timing.

Test 4—Science 35 Minutes



START 5 minutes remaining STOP

During Test 4, do the following:

- Record the actual time of day you announce START above and calculate the times of day for announcing 5 minutes remaining and STOP. Make sure you record the *actual* times you make your announcements.
- Transfer the *actual* START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP times for **Test 3** onto the Testing Time Verification Form.
- Walk around the room to monitor examinees.

When your watch or timer indicates exactly **30 minutes** have passed and you have checked the time, say:

You have 5 minutes remaining on this test.

When your watch or timer indicates **5 more minutes** (exactly 35 minutes total) have passed and you have checked the Stop time, say:

Stop, close your test booklet and look up at me now....

Read the statement at the bottom of page 4 of your answer folder; then sign—do not print—your name. Failure to sign your name could invalidate your answer folder. Enter today's date, then put your pencil down and look up....

When everyone has finished signing the answer folder:

ACT No Writing	ACT Plus Writing
Continue below with your administration.	SKIP NOW to page 51 to continue your administration with the Writing Test.

Now, refold your answer folder so that page 1 faces up and leave it on your desk next to your test booklet. Do not open or mark on your answer folder and do not place it inside your test booklet. I will first collect and check the answer folders, and then I will collect and check the test booklets. They will be picked up individually; do not pass them in. You must remain quietly in your seat until I give you further instructions....

▶ While examinees remain in their seats:

- 1. Collect and count the answer folders **individually** from each examinee. As you do, check to make sure they are signed. Turn all the answer folders one way and make sure you have an answer folder for each examinee.
- 2. Collect the test booklets **individually** from each examinee and count them. As you do, check to make sure they are signed. Do not allow the booklets to be passed in. Verify that you collected the same number of booklets you distributed. If you are short a test booklet, match the booklets with the answer folders using the booklet numbers to determine whose booklet was not collected.

Do not dismiss examinees until you have verified that the number of booklets collected equals the number you distributed, and that you have an answer folder for each examinee. Verbal Instructions

After the counts have been verified, say:

Your score report will be mailed approximately three to eight weeks after the answer folders are received by A-C-T. Be sure you have all your personal belongings. As you leave, please be quiet in the halls. Thank you for your cooperation. You are dismissed.

- Either dismiss students for the day or direct them to the next activity as determined by your school administration. Make certain that students cannot access the test materials as they leave the room. Under no circumstances may anyone examine the test booklets or answer folders after they have been collected.
- After students are dismissed, double-check your counts and complete **item D** on the Test Booklet Count Form. The number of used and unused test booklets **must** equal the number you received for your room. The room supervisor must **personally** return all test materials and required forms to the Test Supervisor **immediately** after testing. Students may **not** assist with the transportation of test materials.
- ▶ Transfer the *actual* START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP times for **Test 4** to the Testing Time Verification Form.

ACT NO Writing

Skip to "After the Test" and perform the "Room Supervisor" activities exactly as described. Failure to return your materials in a timely and accurate manner could result in delayed or non-scoring of your students' answer folders.



Go to page 55



Now, refold your answer folder so that page 1 faces up and leave it on your desk next to your test booklet. I will now collect and check the multiple-choice test booklets. Do not open or mark on your answer folder and do not place it inside your test booklet. Your test booklets will be picked up individually; do not pass them in. Remain quietly in your seat until I give you further instructions. After I collect and check the test booklets, you will have a 5-minute break.

▶ While examinees remain in their seats:

- 1. Monitor them to make sure they do not open or mark on their answer folders while you collect the multiple-choice test booklets.
- 2. Collect the test booklets **individually** from each examinee. Count the test booklets to verify you collected the same number of booklets you distributed. If you are short a test booklet, match the booklets with the answer folders using the booklet numbers to determine whose booklet was not collected.
- 3. Complete **item D** on the Test Booklet Count Form.

Do NOT distribute the Writing Test booklets until after the break.

After the count has been verified, say:

You may now take five minutes to relax and sharpen your pencils. Leave your answer folder closed on your desk and do not open or mark on it. You may not leave the room.

- Monitor examinees closely to make sure they do not open or mark on their answer folders.
- Remind examinees to be quiet, and that eating, drinking, and reading are not permitted.
- Resume testing after five minutes.

Examinees must remain in the room. If an examinee needs to leave the room, collect his or her test materials. Do **not** wait for late examinees. If an examinee returns after the Writing Test has begun, give the examinee the next Writing Test booklet in sequence. Make sure you add the test booklet serial number to your Seating Diagram. Instruct the examinee to turn to page 5 of the answer folder, read the directions on the front cover of the test booklet, and begin work. Lost time may *not* be made up. Document the late return on the Irregularity Report. After testing concludes, the examinee **must** complete the information on pages 5 and 6 of the answer folder and on the cover of the test booklet (see Verbal Instructions, page 52). The room supervisor or proctor must supervise this process closely to ensure the examinee does not alter or add any test responses.

Examinees must remain in their original seats. If you have to move an examinee to another seat, document it carefully on the Seating Diagram *and* Irregularity Report so it is clear which seat the examinee was originally in, which seat the examinee moved to, at what point during testing the move took place, and the reason for moving the examinee.

Verbal Instructions

At the end of the five-minute break, continue by saying:

Please get ready to resume testing.... The next test is a Writing Test for which you will complete an essay written in English. You must use a soft lead No. 2 pencil; do not use a mechanical pencil, ink pen, or correction fluid. If you do, your essay cannot be scored accurately.

I will now hand you a Writing Test booklet. Do not break the seal or open it until I tell you to do so. Test booklets are the property of A-C-T and must be returned before you are dismissed. You are strictly prohibited from disclosing essay topics or responses to anyone. If you continue to write the essay after time is called, you will be dismissed and your answer folder will not be scored.

When you receive your Writing Test booklet, sign and print your name and enter your date of birth in the spaces provided on the front cover. Then, read the directions. After you have read them, look up....

► Hand one Writing Test booklet to each examinee **individually**, in sequential serial number order, and only to examinees who are in the room. Keep an exact count of the number of test booklets you distributed and the order in which you distributed them for completing your Seating Diagram.

When all examinees have read the directions, say:

Turn your answer folder to page 5. Print your name in the spaces provided....

Now, turn your answer folder to page 6. Find the six-digit number in the top-left corner of your test booklet. Copy it into the "Writing Test Booklet Number" boxes on your answer folder....

Next, find the 3-character test form under the date of birth boxes. Copy it into the "Writing Test Form" boxes on your answer folder and fill in the matching oval. When you have finished, put your pencil down and look up at me....

When everyone is ready, say:

You will have 30 minutes to work on the Writing Test. Do not begin work until I tell you to do so. If you finish before I call time, recheck your work on the Writing Test, close both your test booklet and answer folder, and place them on your desk with page 1 of the answer folder facing up. You must sit quietly until time is called. Are there any questions?...

Answer any questions, then say:

You may now break the seal, but do not open the booklet....

Wait for everyone to break the seal, set your stopwatch or interval timer to 30 minutes, then say:

You have 30 minutes to work on this test. Open your test booklet, read the assignment, and begin work.

Begin timing.

Writing Test—30 Minutes

START 5 minutes remaining STOP

During the Writing Test, do the following:

- Enter the actual time you announce START above and calculate the projected 5 minutes remaining and Stop times. Make sure you record the *actual* times you make your announcements.
- Transfer the *actual* START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP times for **Test 4** onto the Testing Time Verification Form.
- Complete the Writing Test portion of your Seating Diagram. Record the serial number of the Writing Test booklet given to each examinee.
- Walk around the room to make sure examinees do not alter or add responses to the multiple-choice tests.

When your watch or timer indicates exactly **25 minutes** have passed and you have checked the time, say:

You have 5 minutes remaining on this test.

When your watch or timer indicates 5 more minutes have passed (exactly 30 minutes total) and you have checked the Stop time, say:

Stop, put your pencil down, and look up at me now....

Verify everyone has stopped, and then say:

Close both your test booklet and answer folder and keep them separate on your desk. Turn your answer folder so that page 1 faces up and look up at me now....

I will now collect the answer folders and test booklets. They will be picked up individually; do not pass them in. You may not leave the room. Remain quietly in your seat until I give you further instructions.

- While examinees remain in their seats:
 - 1. Collect and count the answer folders. As you do, check to make sure they are signed. Turn them all one way and make sure you have an answer folder for each examinee.
 - 2. Collect the test booklets **individually** from each examinee and count them. Do not allow the booklets to be passed in. Check to make sure they are signed on the front cover. Verify that you collected the same number of booklets you distributed. If you are short a test booklet, match the booklets with the answer folders using the booklet numbers to determine whose booklet was not collected.

Do not dismiss examinees until you have verified that the number of booklets collected equals the number you distributed, and that you have an answer folder for each examinee. Verbal Instructions

After the counts have been verified, say:

Your score report will be mailed approximately five to eight weeks after the answer folders are received by A-C-T. Be sure you have all of your personal belongings. As you leave, please be quiet in the halls. Thank you for your cooperation. You are dismissed.

- Either dismiss students for the day or direct them to the next activity as determined by your school administration. Make certain that students cannot access the test materials as they leave the room. Under no circumstances may anyone examine the test booklets or answer folders after they have been collected.
- After students are dismissed, double-check your counts and complete items E and F on the Test Booklet Count Form. The number of used and unused test booklets must equal the number you received for your room. The number of answer folders you return must match the number of students in the room AND item C on the Test Booklet Count Form.
- Transfer the *actual* START, 5 minutes remaining, and STOP times for the **Writing Test** to the Testing Time Verification Form.

The room supervisor must **personally** return all test materials and required forms to the Test Supervisor immediately after testing. Students may **not** assist with the transportation of test materials.

Continue with "After the Test" on the next page.







Room Supervisor Activities

Immediately after all students are dismissed, the room supervisor must **personally** return **all** test materials to the Test Supervisor. The room supervisor must return all answer folders to be scored, unused or blank answer folders, and **all** test booklets—used and unused. The number of answer folders and test booklets returned **must** equal the number you received from the Test Supervisor.

Room supervisors in Plus Writing states must return TWO sets of test booklets, both multiple-choice and Writing.

Test Supervisor Activities

Immediately after testing is completed on **each** test date (initial and makeup), the Test Supervisor must account for all test materials by personally verifying the set of materials returned by each room supervisor and making sure the required documentation is accurately completed.

All materials must be shipped to ACT on your scheduled pickup date. Keep all test materials secure until they are in the return carrier's possession.

A checklist of the materials you are to keep and return after each test date is on pages 57–59 and a packing diagram is on page 60.

When returning answer folders to be scored, turn them all the same way with page 1 facing you; they need not be alphabetized. Do not delay the return of answer folders because a student has not signed his or her name. You **must** make sure each answer folder has the minimum required identifying information on the front and back pages (see page 18) to avoid scoring delays.

Failure to package and return materials in an accurate and timely manner may result in delayed scores or non-scoring of your students' answer folder(s).

Be sure to include your six-digit High School Code on all materials—it can be found on your Test Materials Distribution List and your Renewal and Confirmation Forms. Do not list your test center code.

Note the city and state of your school or site on EACH form.

▶ BEFORE you dismiss a room supervisor, you must do the following:

1. Verify the room supervisor's Test Booklet Count Form against the answer folders and test booklets you distributed. The room supervisor must initial and you must sign the form to document the return of all materials.

After the Test

2. Make sure you have all required documentation (see page 55) for each test room. Have the room supervisor make any corrections if the documentation is inaccurate or incomplete.

Performing these activities exactly as described will ensure efficient check-in of your materials at ACT and minimize compliance follow-up.

- 3. Review any Irregularity Reports and make sure any voided or replaced answer folders are attached (NOT stapled).
- 4. Review each roster. Make sure all students scheduled to test are accounted for, whether they tested or not, in order to decide which students to schedule for makeup testing.

Scheduling Makeup Testing

If a student did not complete all tests and was **not** dismissed for prohibited behavior, your actions will depend on whether the tests were taken on the initial test date or on the makeup test date:

1 Initial Test Date

If a student did not complete all tests on the **initial** test date, do NOT return the answer folder for scoring until you decide whether to schedule the student for makeup testing.

- If the student **will** be scheduled for makeup testing, **keep** the answer folder. Before the makeup test date, supervise the student while he or she transfers all non-test responses from the initial answer folder to a makeup answer folder. **NONE of the original test responses may be transferred to the makeup folder.** The student will have to take **all tests** on the makeup test date. After all non-test information has been transferred, mark page 1 of the initial folder VOID and attach it to an Irregularity Report to be returned after the makeup test date. If applicable, make sure you complete the "home" high school code in Block K of the makeup answer folder (see page 19).
- ▶ If the student **will not** be scheduled for makeup testing, **return** the partially completed answer folder with your other folders to be scored. All tests attempted will be scored.

2 Makeup Test Date

If the student did not complete all tests on the **makeup** test date, decide whether or not the answer folder should be scored. If you want the partially completed folder scored, return it with the other folders to be scored (see below). If you do **not** want the folder scored, explain why on the Irregularity Report, mark page 1 of the folder VOID, and attach it to the Irregularity Report to be returned after the makeup test date.

Ordering Makeup Test Materials

- 1. Decide which students will be scheduled to test on the makeup test date. **Makeup** testing must be scheduled only for the following students:
 - -Students who were absent on the initial test date.
 - -Students who became ill on the initial test date and did not complete all the tests.
- 2. If your state or district participates in online ordering, go to the designated website, log in to your account, and indicate your makeup enrollment **no later than the day after the initial test date**. Or, complete your *Order Form for Additional Test Materials for Makeup Test Date* and fax it to ACT at 319/337-1019 to indicate the total number of students scheduled to test on the makeup date. **Different** test booklets will be shipped along with additional Manuals and answer folders.
- 3. Be sure you provide an accurate number of students scheduled for makeup testing, because ACT will ship a **minimal** overage.

Return of Answer Folders and Required Documentation

Test Supervisors must complete all required forms immediately after **each** test date—initial and makeup. Follow the detailed instructions for packaging materials provided below and through page 60 (including the Packing Diagram) or on the insert shipped with your test materials.

Use the check boxes provided to mark off the materials as you copy them or place them in the envelope.

Materials to Be Kept by the Test Supervisor □ Copy of Roster (for each test date) □ Copy of Seating Diagrams (for each test date) □ Copy of Materials List (initial test date only) □ Copy of completed Test Booklet Count Forms (for each test date) □ Copy of completed Testing Time Verification Forms (for each test date) □ Copy of completed Staff List (for each test date)

Keep all of the above in your files for 6 months after the makeup test date.

In your test materials shipment, you received one or more plastic polymailers. These polymailers MUST be used to return all answer folders to be scored from standard time testing (GREEN envelope) and required test date documentation (RED envelope). Return ALL other materials (e.g., test booklets, Manuals, answers folders not to be scored) in the original shipping carton(s).

Make sure to clearly mark the polymailer 1 of 1, or if you have more than one, 1 of X, 2 of X, etc. USE ONLY A PERMANENT MARKER TO LABEL THE POLYMAILER—DO NOT USE AN INK PEN, PENCIL, OR ANY OTHER WRITING INSTRUMENT.

Put in GREEN Envelope

- □ Supervisor's Report Form (SRF)—Include one report in the first green envelope on top of the answer folders. The SRF or "header sheet" identifies your school to the scoring system and determines the test date to be reported (initial or makeup). The SRF is specific to each test date—initial and makeup—so be sure you use the correct one.
- □ Answer Folders to Be Scored—If you are administering the ACT (No Writing), you may insert up to 150 answer folders per envelope. If you are administering the ACT Plus Writing, you may insert up to 100 answer folders per envelope. Please do not overstuff the envelopes to ensure that ACT can score all of your answer folders.

One polymailer will hold up to **three** GREEN envelopes with answer folders to be scored, the RED envelope of required documentation, and any unused polymailers. You will receive an overage in case you cannot fit the number of GREEN envelopes you need to return in one polymailer. If you return more than one polymailer, the RED envelope must go in the FIRST polymailer.

KEEP the answer folders for students scheduled for makeup testing. These students will have to take **all tests** on the makeup test date. Answer folders for students approved by ACT to test with accommodations **must be returned separately** by the Test Accommodations Coordinator as described in the *Supervisor's Manual State Special Testing*. Do not return answer folders to be scored for students approved by ACT for test accommodations in the polymailer. To do so may result in delayed scores or non-scoring of those answer folders.

After the Test

Put in RED Envelope

occurred on this test date.	
□ VOID or REPLACED Answer Folders —Attach to the Irregularity Report (Do NOT staple). Explain on the report the reason each answer folder was voided or replaced.	•
\square Roster –Return the marked original roster(s). Staple or clip them together.	
\square School ID Letters, notarized statements, transcripts (if any), published photos—Attach to the roster.	
\square Test Booklet Count Form -Return a completed form (page 63) for each test room.	
\Box Testing Time Verification Form—Return a completed form (page 67) for each test room.	
\square Seating Diagram -Return a completed diagram (page 65) for each test room.	
☐ Testing Staff List —Return one completed Testing Staff List (page 71) for your school on each test date for standard time administrations. A separate Testing Staff List must be returned by the Test Accommodations Coordinator for accommodations testing staff	st

Return of Test Materials (Initial and Makeup)

- Pack the materials for each test date in the order shown below and through page 59.
- Refer to the pickup schedule included in your training materials or with your test materials shipment.
- For the RED and GREEN envelopes, use only the plastic polymailers provided by ACT and fill in all requested information on the polymailer(s).
- For all other materials, use the original shipping carton(s) from ACT. Reverse the end flaps so that the return label showing ACT's address is in the correct position.
- Fill in the information requested on each return envelope and use the checklist on the envelope to verify you are returning all materials.
- Use the tape provided to securely seal the carton(s). Clearly label the return polymailer or carton 1 of 1, or if you have more than one, 1 of x, 2 of x, etc.
- Return the polymailer(s) and carton(s) to secure storage overnight.
- On each scheduled pickup date, place the materials in a secure or constantly monitored location where the designated carrier can pick them up. **Never leave return materials unattended.**

Make sure to keep your return materials SEPARATE from any materials being returned by the Test Accommodations Coordinator.

After Initial Test Date:

1 IN POLYMAILER(S):

- 1. GREEN envelopes (up to three) of answer folders to be scored with Supervisor's Report Form (SRF) in the **first** envelope of answer folders (up to 150 folders per envelope for No Writing; up to 100 for Plus Writing)
- 2. (at **top** of **first** polymailer): RED envelope of required test date documentation
- 3. Used polymailer(s), if any

2 IN CARTON(S):

- 1. (BOTTOM of last carton): **All** unused test booklets (DO NOT keep **any**; **different** booklets will be shipped for makeup testing)
- 2. **All** used test booklets (be certain there are no answer folders inside)
- 3. Packing List
- 4. **Used** Supervisor's Manuals (keep unused Manuals for makeup testing)

KEEP for Makeup Testing:

- Partially completed answer folders of students scheduled for makeup testing
- Blank or unused answer folders
- Unused Supervisor's Manuals

After Makeup Test Date

Return all remaining standard time test materials:

1 IN POLYMAILER(S):

- 1. GREEN envelope(s) of answer folders to be scored (up to three) with Supervisor's Report Form in **first** envelope of answer folders
- 2. (At **top** of **first** polymailer): RED envelope of required test date documentation
- 3. Unused polymailer(s), if any

2 IN CARTON(S):

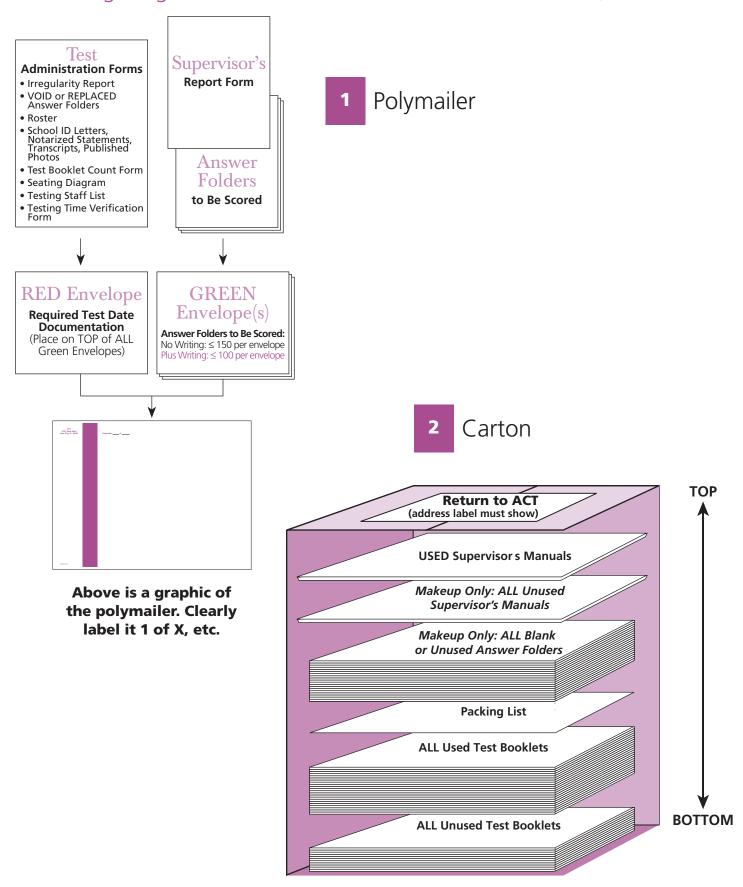
- 1. All unused makeup test booklets
- 2. All used makeup test booklets
- 3. Packing List
- 4. All blank or unused answer folders
- 5. All unused Supervisor's Manuals
- 6. All used Supervisor's Manuals

Failure to return your test materials on time may result in delayed scores or non-scoring of answer folders.

IMPORTANT: If for any reason your materials are not picked up on the scheduled pickup date, you MUST call ACT immediately so we can arrange for pickup. Failure to notify ACT of a missed pickup can result in delayed scores or non-scoring of answer folders.

Refer to the Packing Diagram on the next page for assistance while packing your materials for return to ACT.

Packing Diagram—standard time administrations (Initial and Makeup)



ACT State Testing Roster

(This document may be photocopied.)		Page of
You may provide your own roster instead of this form IF it has all the	e information shown on	this form.
Testing School Name	ACT High School Code (for testing school)	e
City, State	Test Date	
Room Supervisor		
		ype of ID and initials = Recognized -= Absent

	Student's Name (please print or type) List all students scheduled to test in this room	Test Date Mark attendance by noting type of ID	
		Initial	Makeup
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
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21.			
22.			
23.			
24.			
25.			

Test Supervisor: Return one completed form for each test room with your other reports.

ACT State Test Booklet Count Form—SAMPLE

Tes	ting School Name _ACT High School	ACT High School Code9876_ (for testing school)	_5_	4_
City	, State <u>Sample, MI</u>	Test Date <u>3/9/10</u>		
Rod	om Supervisor <u>Allison C. Turner</u>	Room Name/Number102		
fror	ceived Before Testing—Complete A and B on test day not the Test Supervisor. Record all test booklets received for the total the room supervisor and Test Supervisor must sign/in	his room. Include any booklets added after the i		;
Α.	Multiple-Choice Test Booklets Received: B.	Writing Test Booklets Received:		
	Total multiple-choice test booklets received for this room	Total Writing Test booklets received for this room	4	0
	Sequence A	Sequence A	Λ	1
	First serial number	First serial number 2 0 0 0 1 Last serial number 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
	(Sequence B) First serial number	(Sequence B) First serial number		
	Last serial number	Last serial number		
		Plus Writing	On	ly
C. Re	Examinee Count During Test 1 Number of examinees testing in this room 0 3 5 These two numbers must match turned After Testing—Complete D, E, and F after you	Number of occupied seats shown on the seating diagram03collect all test materials. Do not dismiss exami	5 nees	3
	I all materials have been accounted for. Both the Test Super erials are returned.	visor and room supervisor must sign/initial belo	ow wl	nen
D.	Multiple-Choice Test Booklets Returned: E. Complete after Test 4.	Writing Test Booklets Returned: Complete after the Writing Test.		
	Quantity USED <u>0</u> <u>3</u> <u>5</u>	Quantity USED0	3	_5_
	Quantity UNUSED <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>3</u>	Quantity UNUSED0	0	5
	TOTAL multiple-choice test booklets returned to Test Supervisor Must equal "A" above038_	TOTAL Writing Test booklets returned to Test Supervisor Must equal "B" above0		
F.	Answer Folders Returned: Number of answer folders for each Make sure you have one answer folder for every examinee			ııy
I	have counted and verified the answer folder and test bookle	ets returned:		
٦	est Supervisor Signature	Room Supervisor Initials _		

Test Supervisor: Return this form with your roster.

ACT State Test Booklet Count Form—INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE—Sample on page 62					
Testing School Name		ACT High School Code			
City, State		Test Date			
Room Supervisor		Room Name/Number			
	ets received for the	norning when the room supervisor receives materials nis room. Include any booklets added after the initial itial below when booklets are transferred.			
A. Multiple-Choice Test Booklets Received:	В.	Writing Test Booklets Received:			
Total multiple-choice test booklets received for this room		Total Writing Test booklets received for this room			
Sequence A First serial number		Sequence A First serial number			
Last serial number		Last serial number			
(Sequence B) First serial number		(Sequence B) First serial number			
Last serial number		Last serial number			
I have counted and verified the test booklets Room Supervisor Signature					
C. Examinee Count During Test 1					
Number of examinees testing in this room	These two numbers must match	Number of occupied seats shown on the seating diagram			
		collect all test materials. Do not dismiss examinees visor and room supervisor must sign/initial below when			
D. Multiple-Choice Test Booklets Returned: Complete after Test 4.	E.	Writing Test Booklets Returned: Complete after the Writing Test.			
Quantity USED		Quantity USED			
Quantity UNUSED		Quantity UNUSED			
TOTAL multiple-choice test booklets returned to Test Supervisor Must equal "A" above		TOTAL Writing Test booklets returned to Test Supervisor Must equal "B" above			
F. Answer Folders Returned: Number of and Make sure you have one answer folder for		examinees who tested in the room. This number must equal C above.			
I have counted and verified the answer folde	r and test bookle	ts returned:			
Test Supervisor Signature		Room Supervisor Initials			

Test Supervisor: Return this form with your roster.

ACT Test Booklet Count Form Instructions

This form is to be completed by the room supervisor on test day when materials are received from the Test Supervisor. The form must be signed and initialed by both the room supervisor and Test Supervisor upon receipt and return of materials.

No Writing schools SKIP items B and E.

Received Before Testing

A. and B. Test Booklets Received

- Complete Sections A and B in the presence of the Test Supervisor, at the time you receive your room's test booklets.
- Make sure your test booklets are in serial number order. If your room has a broken sequence of booklet numbers, record the first run of numbers as "Sequence A" and the second run of numbers as "Sequence B."
- If there is a discrepancy in your materials, notify the Test Supervisor immediately and do not proceed until the discrepancy is resolved.
- 4. Room Supervisor—sign to certify that you personally counted and verified your materials.
- 5. Test Supervisor—initial to acknowledge the materials were received and accounted for.
- Room Supervisor: You are now responsible for these materials until they are returned to the Test Supervisor.

C. Examinee Count During Test 1

- 7. During Test 1, count the examinees in the room.
- 8. Enter the number of occupied seats you marked on your Seating Diagram (page 65). This serves as a cross-check to make sure the number of occupied seats on the Seating Diagram equals the number of examinees in the room.

Returned After Testing

D. and E. Test Booklets Returned

After Test 4 (D.), collect and count the multiplechoice test booklets.

Plus Writing: After the **Writing Test** (E.), collect and count the Writing Test booklets.

ALL—Do not allow any examinee to leave the room until all materials have been accounted for.

10. Be certain the total of used and unused test booklets returned equals the number of booklets you started with. If a booklet is missing, check the booklet numbers on the answer folders to determine which examinee's booklet is missing. No one may leave the room until any discrepancy is resolved.

F. Answer Folders Returned

11. Be certain you have an answer folder for every examinee—check against your roster to be sure.

Immediately After Testing

- 12. Return all materials and forms to the Test Supervisor.
- 13. Test Supervisor—count and verify all materials returned to you after testing by the room supervisor. Sign below Section F to certify that you personally counted and verified the returned materials.
- Room Supervisor—initial below Section F to acknowledge all materials were returned and accounted for.
- 15. Test Supervisor—return this completed form to ACT in the RED envelope after testing.

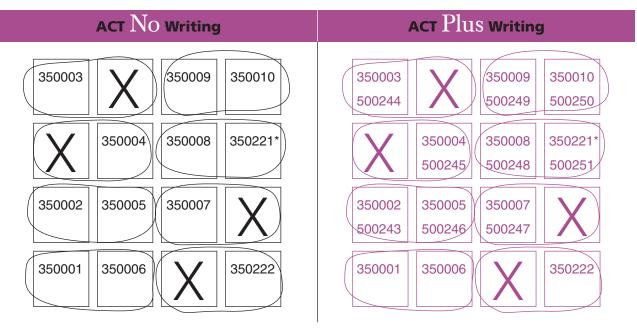
ACT State Testing Seating Diagram Instructions and Samples on Reverse

Testing School Name		ACT High School Code		
City, State		Test Date		
Room Supervisor		Room Name/Number		
Number of Staff in Room				
☐ Single-Level room	☐ Desks: WRITING SURFACE SIZE	INCHES BY INCHES		
OR Multiple-Level room	☐ Tables: SIZEFT BY	FT Number of examinees per table		
Distance between examinees:	side-to-side (shoulder-to-shoulder)	FT front-to-back (head-to-head)FT		
During Test 1: On the diagram, enter the serial number of the multiple-choice test booklet distributed to each examinee.	Count examinees in the room for Test 1			
During Writing Test: On the diagram, enter the serial number of the Writing Test booklet distributed to each examinee.	Count examinees in the room fo Count the Writing Test booklets Explain any discrepancies:	r the Writing Test (IF NONE, ENTER "0") handed out		

ACT State Testing Seating Diagram Instructions/Samples

No Writing schools SKIP item 5 and refer to the example in the LEFT column.

- 1. Room Supervisor—You must complete this form even if only one examinee is in the room. Complete all information accurately.
- 2. Hand a test booklet individually to each examinee in the room in sequential, serial number order. Do not skip serial numbers and do not assign a test booklet to an empty seat. If your room has a broken sequence of booklet numbers, distribute all booklets of the first sequence (A) before distributing booklets from the second (B) sequence (see example* below and Test Booklet Count Form, page 63).
- 3. On the Seating Diagram, show where examinees are seated in relation to each other in the room. Each square represents ONE seat—one examinee per square. If using tables, draw a circle around all seats at the same table. Stand at the front of the room (facing the examinees) and draw the diagram from that perspective. For test security, all examinees in the room must face the same direction—if they are not, document this by drawing an arrow inside the square for each seat to indicate the direction each examinee is facing in the room. If this diagram does not reasonably fit your room, complete the top half of page 65, draw your own diagram on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.
- 4. During Test 1:
- · Record the number of examinees in the room.
- Record the quantity of multiple-choice test booklets distributed to examinees.
- On the Seating Diagram, indicate each occupied seat by writing the examinee's test booklet serial number in the square that corresponds to the examinee's seat in the room. The number of occupied squares on the Seating Diagram must equal the number of examinees in the room for Test 1.
- · Show unoccupied seats by drawing an X through them.
- 5. During the Writing Test:
- Record the quantity of Writing Test booklets distributed to examinees.
- On the Seating Diagram, indicate each seat occupied during the Writing Test by writing the serial number of the Writing Test booklet handed to each examinee.
 - Note: In the example in the RIGHT column below, the squares that only have one test booklet number represent examinees who left the test site before the Writing Test.
- 6. Examinees must remain in their assigned seats for the entire session. If you have to move an examinee to another seat after test booklets have been distributed, clearly indicate the original seat and the new seat on the diagram and explain the reason for the move on the Irregularity Report.
- 7. Cross-check the booklet numbers and examinee counts you entered on this form with the numbers entered on your Test Booklet Count Form (page 63).
- 8. Test Supervisor: Return this completed form with your roster.



In **both** examples, examinees are seated at tables with two examinees per table (see #3 above).

ACT State Testing Time Verification Form—sample on REVERSE

Testing School Name _		Aı	CT High School Code	
City, State			est Date	
Room Supervisor		R	oom Name/Number	
Number of Examinees				
	1 = = =	Test 1 (45:00) (start) (stop)	1	
	START	5 minutes remaining Transfer from page 43	STOP	
	2 △ △ △	Test 2 ED:DD start stop	△ △ △ 2	
	START	5 minutes remaining Transfer from page 45	STOP	
	3	Test 3 35:00 start stop	3	
	START	5 minutes remaining Transfer from page 47	STOP	
	4000	Test 4 (35:00) (start) (stop)	o o o 4	
	START	5 minutes remaining Transfer from page 48	STOP	
ACT Plus Writing		Writing Test 30:00 start stop		
Only	START	5 minutes remaining	STOP	

Transfer from page 53



Testing School Name <u>ACT High School</u> ACT High School Code <u>9 8 7 6 5 4</u>

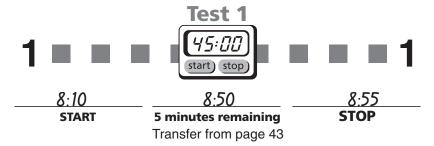
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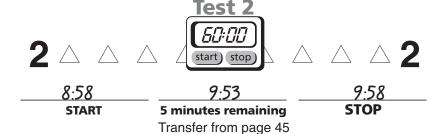
City, State <u>Sample</u>, MI

Room Supervisor <u>Allison C. Turner</u>

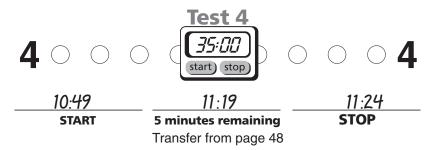
Room Name/Number <u>102</u>

Number of Examinees 0 3 5













ACT State Testing Irregularity Report—sample on reverse complete and return only if irregularities occurred.

ACT High School Code (for testing school)	Test Date
Testing School Name	City, State

lame/Number_

Note all irregularities (individual and group) on this form. Enter the appropriate information and/or check (🗸) in each column and provide additional	explanation. ATTACH VOID OR REPLACED ANSWER DOCUMENTS (do NOT staple) to this form. Return this form in the RED envelope.	PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

		Not Voided			
	Answer Document (VONE)	Marked VOID	Examinee NOT Informed		
		Marke	Examinee Informed		
		Examinee scheduled for makeup	o _N		
			Yes		
		S Defective, Replaced elow)	Material Damaged, Duplicate, B yisoq2)		
		92179	Other D		
	rity (Alarm,			
	ype of Irregularity (Applicable)	pəu			
	of Irr Appli	pəß			
	Type	SlavO en			
		bezind or Use			
		Ahead			
			ssəulli		
	Time and Test When Irregularity Occurred				
			Explanation:		
	Examinee's Name and Social Security Number (optional)			Name:	

GROUP IRREGULARITIES	Description of Irregularity. (Attach separate sheet if more space is required.) Be prepared to provide
	Duration of
	Time and Test When
	Number of

Explanation:

SSN (optional):

Name:

SSN (optional):

Name:

Explanation:

SSN (optional):

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Description of Irregularity. (Attach separate sheet if more space is required.) Be prepared to provide a list of examinees affected by this irregularity. Call ACT immediately if a mistiming occurs.		
Duration of Irregularity		
Time and Test When Irregularity Occurred		
Number of Examinees in Room		

Test Supervisor's Signature Room Supervisor's Name _ 4

ACT High School Code 9 8 7 (for testing school)

ACT State Testing Irregularity Report—SAMPLE

ularities occurred.

Complete and return ONLY if irreg		
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	Testing School Name	City, State Sample, MI
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Note **all** irregularities (individual and group) on this form. Enter the appropriate information and/or check (\checkmark) in each column and provide additional explanation. ATTACH VOID OR REPLACED ANSWER DOCUMENTS (do NOT staple) to this form. **Return this form in the RED envelope**. INDIVIDUAL IRREGULARITIES PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Room Name/Number 102

Test Date 3/9/10

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After time was called, student continued to mark ovals and was dismissed. Student was informed the answer folder would not be scored.
Test 4
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	Time and Test When Irregularity Occurred		
	Number of Examinees in Room		

Allison C. Turner Room Supervisor's Name __

Test Supervisor's Signature

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ACT State Testing Staff List_standard time administrations

Testing School Name		ACT High School Code		
City, State				
Test Supervisor		_		
Print the name, job title (e.g., teacher, c Supervisor, P-Proctor), and room name administration, including those individuals assisted with security.	number or other ass	signment for all person	nel who assisted with the	
Standard Time Testing Staff Name	School Job Title	Testing Position	Room Name/Number or Roving Assignment	
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Test Supervisor: Return this form with your roster.

ACT State Testing Test Supervisor Profile

are a room supervisor or	proctor.						
ACT HIGH SCHOOL CODE: (for testing school)					City, State:		
Please complete every item or	n this profile	L	helov	Λ/	Number of test administrations you conduct per year:		
TEST SUPERVISOR INFORM	-	and Sign	Delov		☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ More than 10		
Name					Total number of years testing experience:		
Job Title:					SECURE STORAGE		
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Work Phone:					Attach a separate sheet ii additional space is needed.		
Home Phone: (Will be used for follow-up on missing test materials, if needed) Cell Phone:				Description (e.g., locked cabinet):			
Fax Number:					Location (e.g., locked office):		
Do we need to call before sen	ding a fax?	☐ YES	s 🗆	NO	Who has keys to the locked storage? (list names/titles)		
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Associate	☐ Doctora	ate			What else is this location used for?		
☐ Bachelor's	Profess	sional			What olds is this location used for:		
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Athletic Coaching	Clerical				Name and title of person responsible for this location:		
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Prior Standardized Testing Exp	perience (che	ck <u>all</u> th	nat apı	ply):	I certify that I meet the required qualifications and wi personally carry out the responsibilities of Test Supervisor a		
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☐ Professional Certification/L	icensure				policies and procedures. I understand and agree that during m		
☐ Computer-Based Testing					term as supervisor, neither I nor any member of my testing star will engage in any ACT test preparation activities beyond ou		
List the standardized exami most recently and the year(s position (TS=test supervisor, F	s) of adminis	stration.	Circl	e your	specifically defined school responsibilities. I agree to read and comply with all ACT test administration policies, including a those listed in the ACT Supervisor's Manual.		
Name of Examination	Year(s)	Pos	ition H	Held	SIGNATURE		
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Complete this form **ONLY** if you are **replacing** the previously named Test Supervisor. **Do NOT complete this form if you**

ACT State Testing Back-up Test Supervisor Profile

Complete this form ONLY if you are replacing the previously named Back-up Test Supervisor. Do NOT complete this form if you are a room supervisor or proctor. **ACT HIGH SCHOOL CODE:** City, State: (for testing school) List the standardized examinations you have administered most recently and the year(s) of administration. Circle your Please complete every item on this profile and sign below. position (TS=test supervisor, RS=room supervisor, P=proctor). **BACK-UP TEST SUPERVISOR INFORMATION** Name of Examination The Back-up Test Supervisor assumes the responsibilities when Year(s) Position Held the Test Supervisor is unable to supervise the administration. The Back-up Test Supervisor is encouraged to actively assist the Test TS RS P Supervisor prior to and on test day. TS RS Name: TS RS Job Title: Number of test administrations you conduct per year: School Name: 1–2 3–5 6–10 ☐ More than 10 Work Phone: Total number of years testing experience: _ Home Phone: (Will be used for follow-up on missing test materials, if needed) **BACK-UP TEST SUPERVISOR'S AGREEMENT** Cell Phone: I certify that I meet the required qualifications and will personally carry out the responsibilities of Back-up Test Fax Number: Supervisor at this school for Spring 2010. I agree to take all steps necessary to arrange for appropriate Do we need to call before sending a fax? \square YES \square NO testing facilities and test material security. I also agree to provide test administration services in accordance with all E-mail Address: policies and procedures. I understand and agree that during my (Required) term as supervisor, neither I nor any member of my testing staff will engage in any ACT test preparation activities beyond our specifically defined school responsibilities. I agree to read and Highest Education Level/Degree Attained (check one): comply with all ACT test administration policies, including all High School ☐ Master's those listed in the ACT Supervisor's Manual. ☐ Associate Doctorate Professional ☐ Bachelor's **SIGNATURE** Current Job Responsibilities (check all that apply): DATE ☐ Teaching ☐ Academic Administration Athletic Coaching ☐ Clerical Support ☐ Counseling/Advising ☐ Standardized Testing ☐ Test Preparation Classes Other_ Prior Standardized Testing Experience (check all that apply): ☐ Primary/Secondary School Assessments ☐ College Admissions/Assessments ☐ Professional/Graduate School Admissions Professional Certification/Licensure

Fax this form to ACT at 319/337-1019.

☐ Computer-Based Testing

Training Session Outline and Topics for Discussion

The Test Supervisor is expected to discuss the following topics with staff during the training session. The Test Accommodations Coordinator must also attend and share any relevant topics with accommodations testing staff in a separate training session. All training sessions must occur before test day and include information from training workshops conducted by ACT and the state or district education agency.

I. Security of Test Materials

- A. Security is of utmost concern. Test materials must NEVER be left unattended. Test booklets must be kept away from doors and away from examinees in the test room before and after testing.
- B. Describe how the Test Supervisor will distribute materials to the test rooms, and how room supervisors are to distribute materials inside the test rooms.
- C. Room supervisors are to count test booklets when they receive them from the Test Supervisor, and again before examinees are dismissed. Review the Test Booklet Count Form and sample on pages 62–63.
- D. No unauthorized persons are allowed in the test rooms. This includes friends, relatives, state, district, or school board representatives, and members of the media. ACT-authorized observers must be asked for a letter of introduction from ACT or state/district education agency ID.
- E. Staff members must NEVER leave a test room unattended.

II. Room Preparation

- A. Demonstrate proper seating arrangements and test room preparation. Discuss arrangements for potential multiple-level seating, fixed seating, left-handed examinees, ease of staff movement, and inappropriate posted materials.
- B. Describe any items that will be supplied by the school (e.g., pencils, timepieces, calculators) and how they will be distributed and returned.
- C. Discuss how to handle examinees who bring cell phones or electronic devices into the test room.

III. Pre-Test Activities

- A. Discuss when and how barcode labels will be applied to answer folders (if used in your state).
- B. Determine whether the high school code (Block K) must be filled in for any students and the importance of completing it accurately for reporting purposes.
- C. Discuss when and where all students, including those testing with accommodations, will personally complete the non-test portions of the answer folder. This must be done during a supervised, in-school session before test day. You must have additional sessions for those who are absent or need additional time.
- D. Stress the importance of ensuring that all students fill in the ovals for name, mailing address, city, state, and ZIP code to receive score reports.
- E. Discuss how to collect the partially completed answer folders in an order that will ensure students receive their own folders on test day.
- F. Review a roster of students (see page 61), explain the information on it, and how to mark it on test day.
- G. Review acceptable and unacceptable forms of identification. Emphasize the importance of accurately marking the roster. If an examinee is personally recognized by a member of the testing staff, enter "R" and the staff member's initials on the roster. If an examinee cannot be recognized by staff, a government or school-issued photo ID is required.

- H. Room supervisors are not to wait for late examinees or delay testing for those attempting to present an acceptable form of identification.
- I. Examinees must not be allowed to select their own seats. Direct them to **specific**, **assigned seats** and pay particular attention to separating known friends or relatives.
- J. No one may be admitted to the test room after test booklets have been distributed. Discuss how to handle late arrivals in accordance with school policy.

IV. Test Day

- A. Discuss when and where staff members are to report on test day.
- B. Staff members are encouraged to wear soft-soled shoes. They should avoid crinkly clothing, noisy jewelry, coins in pockets, perfumes, or other items that may distract examinees.
- C. Information concerning potential student dress and behavior issues should be discussed. These might include school rules regarding the wearing of hats, the location of restrooms, and smoking restrictions.
- D. Discuss procedures for barring cell phones and other electronic devices from the test rooms and prohibiting their use during breaks.
- E. Testing must begin by 9:00 a.m. in all rooms on each test date. Testing begins when the room supervisor begins reading the Verbal Instructions.
- F. Verbal Instructions must be read to examinees verbatim.
- G. To protect the security of the tests, test booklets and answer folders may not be distributed prior to admitting examinees and only as directed in the Verbal Instructions.
- H. Writing Test booklets are NOT to be distributed until just before the Writing Test begins.
- I. Only examinees may break the test booklet seals. Testing staff are not authorized to open any test booklets.
- J. Accurate timing of each test is critical. Room supervisors must record the *actual* Start, 5 minutes remaining, and Stop times in their Manuals. Review the Testing Time Verification Form and sample on pages 67–68. Discuss the consequences of a mistimed test. If a retest is necessary, a retest of **all tests** is required, not just the test that was mistimed.
- K. The room supervisor must complete a Seating Diagram (page 65) showing where examinees were seated and how test booklets were distributed. Stress the importance of providing complete and accurate information. The number of test booklets handed out and the number of examinees in the room must match.
- L. Staff members must not read (other than this Manual), grade papers, use a computer, talk casually with other staff, or do anything not related to administering the tests. They must not eat, drink, smoke in the test room, or use a cell phone.
- M. Conversations must be quiet and kept to a minimum. Even whispered conversations can be distracting to examinees.
- N. Discuss how permitted calculators will be distributed to examinees before testing begins (if applicable).
- O. Calculators must be checked during Test 2 (Mathematics) to ensure they do not violate ACT standards. Review permitted and prohibited calculators. Stress that examinees using a prohibited calculator must be dismissed.

- P. During testing, staff members are to walk quietly around the room to check that examinees are working on the correct test, respond to illness, replace defective test materials, and discourage prohibited behavior. Advise staff not to pause near an examinee long enough to be a distraction.
- Q. Stress the importance of ensuring that the correct test form is entered AND the corresponding oval filled in by every examinee.
- R. Discuss how to handle the 15-minute break between Tests 2 and 3. Stress that the break begins **immediately** after STOP is called on Test 2 and is **not** a lunch break. If the break is longer than 15 minutes, the room supervisor must explain why on the Irregularity Report. Remind room supervisors that extending the break could result in the cancellation of scores. Review what to do if an examinee does not return after break. Also discuss procedures for leaving during testing to go to the restroom.
- S. In Plus Writing states, remind staff that examinees must remain in the room during the 5-minute break before the Writing Test.
- T. Discuss what actions to take if staff members observe prohibited behavior. Review plans for dismissing students (e.g., where they are to be sent, how to maintain vigilance in the test room, documenting actions taken).
- U. Discuss what actions to take in the case of a group irregularity (e.g., a power outage) or in the case of an emergency. Discuss potential individual irregularities and actions to take. Review the Irregularity Report.

V. After the Test

- A. Discuss how to decide which students to schedule for makeup testing. The Test Supervisor must enter makeup enrollment in the designated online ordering system or fax the test materials order form to ACT no later than the day after the initial test date.
- B. Room supervisors must verify the count of used and unused test booklets, then return test booklets, answer folders, completed roster(s), Testing Time Verification Form(s), Test Booklet Count Form(s), and Seating Diagram(s), to the Test Supervisor **immediately** after testing.
- C. The number of used test booklets (seals broken) must match the number of examinees tested in each room.
- D. Emphasize the importance of correctly completing all required documentation and returning all answer folders to be scored immediately after testing to ensure timely and accurate scoring of the answer folders by ACT.

